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## Drawdown diplomacy

### US-led UNC, Koreas pull firearms and military posts from truce village

By KIM GAMEL  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — Less than a year ago, South Korean soldiers fired at a defector fleeing to the South across the border in the truce village of Panmunjom.

On Thursday, the two Koreas and the U.S.-led United Nations Command announced the completion of the withdrawal of firearms and military posts from the area as part of an inter-Korean agreement aimed at reducing hostilities.

The disarmament of Panmunjom underscored the fast pace at which the Koreans are moving to improve relations despite slow progress in nuclear talks between Washington and Pyongyang.

It was the first step in fulfilling the far-reaching agreement, which also calls for a no-fly zone and a halt to military drills near the heavily fortified border that has bisected the peninsula since the 1950-53 Korean War.

Military officials from all sides finished their work at 1 p.m. Thursday, according to a statement by the defense ministry in Seoul. It said they'll spend the next two days verifying the disarmament measures.

Meanwhile, North and South Korea will each station 35 unarmed guards in the area, in line with the military pact reached last month as part of the third summit between South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

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**The U.S.-led United Nations Command and the two Koreas complete removal of firearms and guard posts from the truce village of Panmunjom on Thursday.**

Courtesy of South Korean Defense Ministry

## 3 more suspicious packages are seized

Devices addressed to De Niro, Biden resemble pipe bombs mailed to Obama, Clinton

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*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The mail-bomb scare widened Thursday as law enforcement officials seized three more suspicious packages — two addressed to former Vice President Joe Biden and one to actor Robert De Niro — and said they were similar to crude pipe bombs sent to former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and CNN.

None of the devices exploded, and no one was injured. But the packages, sent to prominent Democrats critical of President Donald Trump, heightened nationwide tensions and fears two weeks before major congressional midterm elections.

Even as everyone condemned the unknown sender and Trump decried political violence, blame flew for the corrosive nature of America's political conversation.

"A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream Media that I refer to as Fake News," Trump said in a morning Tweet. "It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!"

Former CIA Director John Brennan, the target of one package sent to CNN, fired back.

"Stop blaming others. Look in the mirror," Brennan tweeted. "Your infamously rhetorical insults, lies, & encouragement of physical violence are disgraceful. Clean up your act. ... try to act Presidential."

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## PACIFIC

# Northern Marianas brace for slow recovery

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HONOLULU — Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands were bracing for months without electricity or running water in the aftermath of one of the strongest storms to hit any part of the U.S. this year.

Super Typhoon Yutu crossed over the U.S. territory early Thursday local time.

Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, the commonwealth's delegate to U.S. Congress, said the territory will need significant help to recover from the storm, which he said injured several people.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Saipan, Sablan said he has heard reports of injuries and that people are waiting at the island's hospital to be treated.

"There's a lot of damage and destruction," Sablan said. "It's like a small war just passed through."

He has not been able to reach officials on the territory's neighbor islands of Tinian



GLEN HUNTER/AP

**Damage from Super Typhoon Yutu is shown on Saipan on Thursday.**

and Rota because phones and electricity are out.

Sablan said colleagues in Congress have reached out to offer help. He expects there will be a presidential disaster declaration put in place.

As the storm continues to move away from the Mariana Islands, Sablan said in a tweet Thursday evening that the typhoon warning for Saipan and Tinian was

canceled.

The electricity on Saipan, the largest island in the commonwealth about 3,800 miles west of Hawaii, went out at 4 p.m. Wednesday, resident Glen Hunter said.

"We probably won't have power for months," he said, recalling how it took four months to restore electricity after Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

Maximum sustained winds of 180 mph were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over Tinian and Saipan early Thursday local time, said Brandon Aydtlett, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"At its peak, it felt like many trains running constant," Hunter wrote in a Facebook message to The Associated Press. Hunter lives on Saipan.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries.

Tinian suffered a direct hit. Saipan and Tinian will be unrecognizable, Aydtlett said, adding that the weather service received reports that Yutu's catastrophic winds ripped roofs from homes and blew out windows.

"Any debris becomes shrapnel and deadly," he said.

Fallen trees could isolate residents, and power and water outages could last weeks, the weather service warned.

It was still dark when Hunter peeked outside and saw his neighbor's house, made of wood and tin, completely gone. A palm tree was uprooted.

Hunter, 45, has lived on Saipan since childhood and is accustomed to strong storms. "We are in typhoon alley," he wrote but added this is the worst he has experienced.

The roof flew off the second floor of Del Benson's Saipan home.

"We didn't sleep much," he wrote to the AP in a Facebook message. "I went upstairs and the skylight blew out. Then the roof started to go. We got the kids downstairs." Recovery efforts on Saipan and Tinian will be slow, Aydtlett said.

"This is the worst-case scenario. This is why the building codes in the Marianas are so tough," he said. "This is going to be the storm which sets the scale for which future storms are compared to."

## US bases hit but functioning in wake of Super Typhoon Yutu

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

Military installations in the Northern Marianas remain "mission capable," the Navy said Thursday as crews cleared debris from a storm that tied for the strongest so far this year.

Super Typhoon Yutu hit the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the early morning with sustained winds of 180 mph, enveloping much of the island of Saipan and all of Tinian.

"There have been reports of major damage to structures and property, but all U.S. military personnel are currently accounted for," Lt. Cmdr. Karl Lettow, a Joint Region Marianas spokesman, told Stars and Stripes via email.

Yutu was as severe as last month's Typhoon Mangkhut, which damaged the Northern Mariana before slamming into the Philippines, killing 127 people.

Assessment of conditions on the bases is ongoing, but all are fully capable of their mission and lead-

ers are expecting Friday to be a normal workday, Lettow said.

Military personnel were standing by to coordinate support for the Federal Emergency Management Agency-led recovery effort, he added.

A statement Thursday from the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands said a typhoon watch was still in place on Tinian and Saipan and residents should stay indoors even though the storm was moving away.

"Downed power poles as well as fallen debris are blocking road-

ways. In addition, the islands of Tinian and Saipan are continuing to experience damaging winds making it dangerous for motorists to be on public roadways," the statement said.

Weather conditions remained hazardous, officials said.

"Our focus is on deploying resources to clear our roadways so first responders can begin assisting residents who have lost their homes and for those who need transport to seek medical attention or transportation to the nearest shelter," the statement said.

Gerald Deleon Guerrero, a special assistant with Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said in the statement that Yutu was "one of the worst storms I've seen in all my experience in emergency management." Tropical storm force winds extended up to 240 miles from the center of the typhoon, meaning Tinian and Saipan would continue to experience damaging winds well into early evening, the statement said.

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## EUROPE



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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mendez Frith, 2nd Cavalry Regiment targeting officer, leads the first targeting working group during Dragon Ready at Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany.

## 2nd Cavalry Strykers pack added punch in exercise

By MARTIN EGNASH  
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HOHENFELS, Germany — Sgt. Franklin Santana ran resupply missions with his truck, hauling much-needed ammunition and other supplies down narrow forest paths amid the sounds of gunfire and the constant threat of “enemies” closing in.

He camouflaged his giant Palmetized Load System vehicle in a tight fit between the trees so the enemy — played by other U.S. soldiers — couldn’t spot it. His team resupplied soldiers with anti-air armor rounds and concertina wire to fortify their positions.

“Day-to-day is always on the go,” Santana said. “A lot has happened. The increased tempo and pressure from the opposition forces make it hard on us. But this place is designed to place us in great amounts of stress.”

Santana was among more than 3,000 soldiers from the Army’s 2nd Cavalry Regiment, which completed its certification Thursday for contingency operations in Europe.

The Vilseck-based regiment, which uses upgunned Stryker armored vehicles, kicked off exercise Dragon Ready on Sunday. It has since been engaged in a mock battle deep in the Bavarian forests against opposition forces.

The mock battle began when the enemy assaulted the regiment with armored and infantry forces.

The unit repelled the attack using its Strykers to support dismounted troops and by calling in simulated artillery fire during the battle.

Soldiers fired live artillery rounds against targets the prior



MARNUS RAUCHENBERGER/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

U.S. soldiers assigned to 2nd Cavalry Regiment fire an M1128 Mobile Gun System during exercise Dragon Ready at the 7th Army Training Command’s Grafenwoehr training area.

**‘Our job is to neutralize, suppress and destroy enemy assets on the battlefield.’**

**Capt. Charles Ridge**  
artillery battery commander with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment

week.

The unit was aided by added firepower from two new additions to the Stryker family — the “Dragon Stryker” armed with a 30 mm autocannon and the CROWS-I Stryker with Javelin anti-tank missiles. Those provide the eight-wheeled vehicles with a huge boost in firepower, compared with the once-standard M2 .50-caliber machine guns.

Capt. Charles Ridge, an artillery battery commander, said the new Strykers, which were added to the regiment’s inventory during the past year, ensured greater range and lethality when engaging armored targets. “They per-

formed really well,” he said.

Ridge and his fellow artillerymen spent much of the exercise providing support to the Strykers on the front lines by simulating shelling the opposition force and punching holes into the enemy’s lines.

“Our job is to neutralize, suppress and destroy enemy assets on the battlefield,” Ridge said. “We bring a lot to the fight.”

Dragon Ready is intended to test the regiment’s readiness and doubles as an annual certification that it can execute land operations alongside other units.

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## Rough seas damage USS Gunston Hall

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Rough seas near Iceland damaged a section of the USS Gunston Hall and injured some sailors, forcing the ship and the USS New York to dock in Reykjavik earlier this week.

The sailors were treated for minor injuries and returned to duty following the incident Monday, according to a 6th Fleet statement.

The Gunston Hall and New York pulled into Reykjavik both as a precautionary measure and to allow crews to assess damage to the Gunston Hall’s well deck and landing crafts, the Navy said.

The Gunston Hall, New York and USS Iwo Jima — all dock-landing vessels — stopped in Iceland on the way to the NATO exercise Trident Juncture in the North Atlantic. The Iwo Jima continued to the mainly Norway-based exercise, which was scheduled to begin Thursday with an estimated 50,000 servicemembers from all 29 NATO countries taking part.

Navy leaders were still determining on Thursday whether the ships could eventually participate in the exercise. They were

also reviewing how they would carry out simulated amphibious assaults and ashore drills with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit while using fewer ships, said Cmdr. Kyle Raines, 6th Fleet spokesman.

Reacting to unexpected weather-related problems adds an element of realism, Raines said, because these situations can arise during a combat mission.

“It’s all part of our learning,” Raines said. “These are factors that stress planners, but stress them in a good way.”

Amphibious assaults can’t be launched from the damaged Gunston Hall, but some personnel and equipment might be transported to shore to participate in the land-based part of the drill, Raines said.

The three vessels were among the 65 ships scheduled to participate in the naval portion of Trident Juncture, the largest NATO exercise since the Cold War. The USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group has been operating in the Norwegian Sea in advance of the exercise.

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## Retired US general says war with China coming

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WARSAW, Poland — The former commander of the U.S. Army in Europe warned Wednesday that it’s very likely the United States will be at war with China in 15 years.

Retired Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges said that European allies will have to do more to ensure their own defenses in face of a resurgent Russia because America will need to focus more attention on defending its interests in the Pacific.

“The United States needs a very strong European pillar. I think in 15 years — it’s not inevitable — but it is a very strong likelihood that we will be at war with China,” Hodges told a packed room at the Warsaw Security Forum, a two-day gathering of leaders and military and political experts from central Europe.

“The United States does not have the capacity to do everything it has to do in Europe and in the Pacific to deal with the Chinese threat,” Hodges said.

Hodges was U.S. Army commander in Europe from 2014 until last year.

He now is a strategic expert with the Center for European Policy Analysis, a Washington-based research institute.

Despite shifting geopolitical priorities, Hodges said the U.S. commitment to NATO remains



Hodges

“unshakable.” He said he is certain the Trump administration views Europe’s security as a key U.S. interest even though President

Donald Trump has sometimes questioned the Western military alliance’s usefulness.

“So you’re going to see us continue to invest here in Europe, continue to train, to practice rotational forces, as well as permanently assign forces for the eventuality that in 10 or 15 years we’re going to be having to fight in the Pacific,” Hodges said. The Associated Press said a recent near-miss between a U.S. Navy destroyer and a Chinese warship in the disputed South China Sea was only one of the signs pointing to “an increasingly tense relationship and increasing competition in all the different domains.”

Others, he said, are China’s “constant stealing of technology” and how China is gaining control of infrastructure by funding projects in Africa and Europe.

He said that in Europe, China owns more than 10 percent of the ports.



# PACIFIC



## 3 sailors remain hospitalized after carrier helo crash

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
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**YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan** — Three sailors injured when a Navy MH-60 Seahawk helicopter crashed aboard the USS Ronald Reagan remain hospitalized nearly a week after the accident.

The sailors — whose names were not released — were among 12 hurt during an emergency landing on the flight deck shortly after takeoff on Oct. 19, the Navy said in a statement last week. The injuries “ranged from minor abrasions and lacerations to fractures.”

“The most seriously injured were medically evacuated off the ship to a hospital in the Philippines, while remaining injured are under evaluation by Ronald Reagan medical staff,” the statement said.

The conditions of the three who remain in the hospital were not released, per privacy laws. However, the Navy said all injured sailors were in “stable condition” after the crash.

The Yokosuka-based Ronald Reagan was conducting “routine operations” in the Philippine Sea with its strike group when the incident occurred.

The crash remains under investigation, according to Task Force 70 spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Matt Knight.

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## ‘Volleyball is like a common ground’

Okinawa festival sparks cross-cultural friendships

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**KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa** — More than 500 volleyball fanatics turned out to watch high schoolers from the U.S. and Japan compete in two days of “friendship” matches on Okinawa.

The eighth annual Okinawa and U.S. Friendship Volleyball Festival, held recently at Kadena’s Kinser Fitness and Sports Complex, featured 18 teams. Sixteen came from Japanese schools on the island, while the U.S. teams hailed from Kadena and Kubasaki high schools.

“Volleyball is like a common ground,” said Kadena junior Meghan Bonafilia. “The Japanese players are always so kind and welcoming. Even though there is a bit of a language barrier sometimes, we are

able to say little phrases where we can talk to each other.”

Bonafilia said she made some Japanese friends during last year’s event.

“We all started to follow each other on Instagram,” she said. “One girl was texting me in English, and I was trying to text her in Japanese.”

Many Japanese competitors were excited about the chance to compete against Americans on a U.S. military base.

“It’s great because we’re able to come here to exchange and interact with other people, culture and talent,” said Manama Zukeyama, a junior at Ginoza Senior High School in Ginoza Village. “I want to learn the English language, and I’m really looking forward to doing this more.”

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**Volleyball players from Japanese and Department of Defense Education Activity high schools take part in the annual Okinawa and U.S. Friendship Volleyball Festival at Kadena Air Base on Saturday.**

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## PACIFIC

# Japan rubella outbreak leads to CDC warning

By **Caitlin Doornbos**

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is warning pregnant women unvaccinated against rubella not to visit Japan after an outbreak was reported in the country.

This week, the CDC raised its rubella alert level to 2 on a three-level scale, indicating travelers should “practice enhanced precautions.” The agency also cautioned all travelers to ensure they are vaccinated against rubella before visiting Japan.

As of Oct. 7, there were 1,103 reported cases of rubella — 135 of which were reported in the first week of October alone, according to Japan’s National Institute of Infectious Diseases. Fewer than 10 cases of rubella are reported each year in the United States. Since 2012, all U.S. patients with rubella were infected while they were abroad, the CDC said.

Most of the rubella cases in Japan have been reported in the Kanto region, which is home to the most U.S. servicemembers on the mainland. Installations in the affected area include Yokosuka Naval Base, Yokota Air Base, Naval Air Facility Atsugi and Camp Zama.

The rubella vaccine — also

known as MMR, as it protects against measles, mumps and rubella — is mandatory for active-duty servicemembers, according to a Defense Health Agency paper published last year.

While the vaccine is not required for civilians, the DHA paper recommended that “all persons aged [more than] 6 months that will be traveling outside the United States and are eligible to receive MMR-containing vaccine should be vaccinated before travel.”

The virus, which is characterized by symptoms such as developing a rash and fever for two to three days, is especially dangerous for fetuses. The CDC said in a travel notice this week that unvaccinated pregnant women “should not travel to Japan during this outbreak.”

Pregnant women with rubella risk having their babies develop birth defects including “deafness, cataracts, heart defects, mental disabilities and organ damage,” according to the CDC. When a pregnant woman contracts rubella early in her pregnancy, “miscarriages, still births and severe birth defects” can occur.

If a pregnant woman is unvaccinated, the CDC suggested waiting until after giving birth to receive the vaccine. Babies should be vaccinated after they are 6 months old. Those older

than 1 year should receive two doses of MMR vaccine separated by at least 28 days, according to the CDC. About 2,000 babies were delivered in military hospitals in Japan in 2013 and 2014, according to a 2016 report from the Military Health System. Japan has seen several rubella outbreaks over the past two decades

with about 15,000 cases reported between 2012 and 2014, according to the NIID.

The NIID first issued a warning that the 2018 rubella outbreak had begun in August after 139 cases were confirmed, already topping yearlong totals for 2016 and 2017 before summer had ended. The U.S. last saw a rubella

epidemic between 1964 and 1965 — about four years before rubella vaccinations became widely available in 1969, according to the CDC. During that outbreak, 11,000 affected women with rubella lost their pregnancies and 2,100 newborns died.

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## Drawdown: Agreement calls for more freedom to move in Demilitarized Zone

FROM FRONT PAGE

The UNC — which is led by Gen. Vincent Brooks, who is also commander of U.S. Forces Korea — signed off on the decision during trilateral talks Monday. It has left communication on the issue to South Korea’s Defense Ministry.

Panmunjom, also known as the Joint Security Area, is marked by the blue conference buildings that straddle the border and was the site of the signing of the 1953 armistice that ended the war instead of a peace treaty.

It’s the only part where troops from each side face each other in the Demilitarized Zone, a 2½-mile-wide, 155-mile-long buffer zone that divides the peninsula.

Dignitaries including Vice President Mike Pence visited the area last year in a show of resolve as tensions rose with North Korea over its nuclear weapons program.

The JSA is also a popular tourist destination, and the military agreement called for visitors to be allowed in the area with “freedom of movement” from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Currently, tours follow strict rules and are permitted to enter only certain areas, including the conference room where the armistice was signed.

The area also has been a focal point for violence, including a 1976 attack by ax-wielding North Korean soldiers who killed two American soldiers trying to trim a poplar tree.

Most recently, a North Korean soldier was wounded when he fled to the South Korean side under heavy gunfire from his former comrades on Nov. 13. The dramatic escape was captured by surveillance cameras.

The military pact also calls for the three parties to “withdraw unnecessary surveillance equipment from the Joint Security Area,” but that was not mentioned in Thursday’s brief statement.

“South and North Korean military authorities and the UNC will continue joint efforts to ensure that they are able to normally implement the demilitarization of the Panmunjom Joint Security Area,” the ministry said.

The sides also have finished a mine-clearance operation in the area, which yielded a dog tag and remains believed to belong to South Korean soldiers killed in the war.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# US military scales back Afghan contacts

By PAMELA CONSTABLE  
The Washington Post

KABUL — American military officials said Wednesday that they had halted most face-to-face contacts with members of the Afghan security forces, and have temporarily withdrawn from Afghan security facilities after two “insider” shootings in the past week that killed a top Afghan regional police commander and a Czech soldier.

A spokesman for Resolute Support, the U.S.-led military mission in Afghanistan, described the move as “standard” practice after insider attacks — or assaults by Afghan security personnel against foreign forces. He said “regular contacts” were continuing by telephone and email between U.S. and Afghan security officials, with some meetings also taking place in U.S. facilities.

A senior Afghan military officer, stationed at a joint base with foreign forces, said that American troops “have been ordered not to visit the Afghan side of our base for a few days, but we can visit them on their side.” The officer, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive issue, also said the “joint control and command center is active.”

The Resolute Support spokesman, Army Col. David Butler, said the precautionary measures were taken after the shooting in western Herat province on Monday that left a Czech soldier dead and two wounded.

But the steps also reflected rising concerns about the safety of American and other foreign forces here following the assassination in Kandahar Province of Lt. Gen. Abdul Raziq four days before the Herat killing. That slaying created a dangerous security vacuum in the south and fueled rumors that the United States had been behind the plot to kill Raziq — a charge American officials dismissed as absurd.

The Kandahar attack, which also killed the province’s intel-



The head of NATO troops in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller, center left; Kandahar Gov. Zalmay Wesa, center right; and their delegations attend a security conference in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Oct. 18. The three top officials in Afghanistan’s Kandahar province were killed, including Wesa, when their own guards opened fire on them at the conference, the deputy provincial governor said.

ligence chief and left its governor severely wounded, came shortly after a meeting that was attended by the top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Austin “Scott” Miller. He escaped unarmed and quickly returned by helicopter to Kabul, but another U.S. general and two other Americans were wounded.

The Taliban asserted responsibility for the assault, and Afghan officials said it had been planned in next-door Pakistan. Pakistan’s Foreign Ministry denied that charge.

The fact that Miller was spared while a revered Afghan security leader died triggered a wave of angry public speculation about an American conspiracy. Afghan and foreign observers here compared the situation to a 2012

incident in which rumors spread that copies of the Quran had been destroyed on a U.S. military base, leading to riots.

Although the Taliban also asserted responsibility for the Herat shooting, there were media reports that the Afghan who fired on the Czech soldier was not an insurgent infiltrator but a bona fide soldier who was upset about Raziq’s death and possibly further angered by accusations on social media that the Kandahar attack was a U.S. plot. Those allegations were strongly rejected by top Afghan officials.

The two assaults have raised new concerns over attacks against coalition personnel by Afghans in uniform, which have killed about 155 U.S. or coalition troops or contractors and wounded 200 since

2008. Such insider attacks peaked in 2012 but have declined steadily since then, with added vetting of Afghan recruits, extra guards accompanying foreign advisers and the withdrawal of most foreign troops. However, there have been several such deadly attacks in the past two years, including some at the hands of highly trained Afghan commandos.

The atmosphere has been tense across the country in the past week. Parliamentary elections were held Saturday, but they were marred by scores of attacks by Taliban insurgents, including a suicide bombing outside the capital that killed at least 15 people. Voting was delayed by one week in Kandahar after the Thursday shootings and rescheduled for Saturday, but security concerns

could postpone it again.

Analysts said it was not clear what impact the latest violence would have on Afghan and American efforts to promote peace negotiations with the Taliban. A newly appointed U.S. envoy for the Afghanistan peace process, Zalmay Khalilzad, visited the region recently and reportedly met in Qatar with Taliban officials, who said publicly that they hoped to continue the discussions. U.S. officials have not confirmed that those talks were held.

“The talks with the Taliban may continue, but this incident will leave them in a much stronger position,” said Harris Wadani, an Afghan journalist in Kandahar. With the top three provincial officials either dead or injured and dozens of people vying to replace them, he said, “it will be a great challenge to have elections now. This has shown how vulnerable the government is.”

Kandahar is still in an uproar over the death of Raziq, a tough anti-Taliban fighter who had kept the region stable almost single-handedly. U.S. military officials said Miller had returned there this week and discussed how to reduce security risks with local leaders, adding that the attack there had also spurred a broader reassessment of whether there is enough security in place for about 14,000 U.S. and other troops who are training and advising Afghan forces.

“Everyone is taking this deadly seriously,” said one Western diplomatic source, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to make public statements.

He said officials with the U.S.-led coalition are being “very sober but not hyperbolic” about the recent attacks and are “extremely sensitive” to the possibility of a repeat of the rioting after the incident involving a supposed Quran burning, which badly damaged U.S.-Afghan relations for some time.

## Army trainers due to leave Afghanistan, but will return soon

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
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MANAMA, Bahrain — About 100 members of a U.S. Army training brigade scheduled to leave Afghanistan next month will take the unusual step of returning in February to help the next unit of advisers coming in, U.S. military officials told The Associated Press.

The advisers’ return is intended to help compensate for a monthslong break in the training of Afghan troops between the time the first unit leaves and the second brigade arrives next year.

It comes amid a surge in Taliban violence as Afghanistan enters its 18th year of war, and reflects concerns that progress made by the first brigade of elite Army advisers could be eroded by the pause in training.

Army Gen. Robert Abrams, head of U.S. Army Forces Command, who oversaw

the creation of the training brigades, said the initial plan was to “accept the risk of having a gap” during the usually quieter winter season. That way, the units doing a nine-month tour wouldn’t eventually have to change over in the peak summer fighting time.

But he said the Army approved sending the advisers back to Afghanistan to serve the first three weeks with the 2nd Brigade when it deploys.

Army Brig. Gen. Scott Jackson, who leads the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade currently in Afghanistan, will return to the war front with his soldiers.

The goal, he said, is to help the incoming unit “understand their areas of operation, see our best practices and, most importantly, personally hand off the relationships with our Afghan partners that are critical to successful conventional force advising.”

Some of his advisers, he said, will also

help train the new unit in January before it deploys.

Abrams also said some members of the 2nd Brigade will go to Afghanistan next month for a couple of weeks to see it firsthand. “It’s one thing to read a report; this way they can live it,” he said.

“This is a fundamentally about knowledge transfer,” Abrams told the AP in an interview. He said members of the 1st Brigade volunteered to return to Afghanistan because they want the program to succeed.

“Even though they will have to see just recently redeployed, they’re willing to go back to Afghanistan for a couple more weeks just to help them transition because they’ve got so much investment in it,” said Abrams, who will soon move to take over U.S. Forces Korea.

Development of the new Army advisory brigades began early last year, designed to create permanent military training teams that can be deployed worldwide to help

local forces better learn how to fight. It’s a reflection of the new reality of America at war: Army soldiers advising and building indigenous security forces, not doing the fighting for them on foreign soil.

There are about 14,000 U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

The Army plans to build six training brigades, with about 800 soldiers each, over the next few years.

Already the 1st Brigade has suffered casualties when their Afghan partners turned on them. Two brigade soldiers were killed and three wounded in two separate attacks this summer.

Abrams said the 2nd Brigade has gone through additional security instruction, and overall time at the training academy was doubled to 30 days. Language training has also been expanded.

“The more successful we are, the more desperate our enemy becomes,” said Abrams. “So, it’s going to be a challenge.”

## MILITARY

## Tyndall storm damage is extensive

Concerns over base's recovery prospects extend to area communities

The Washington Post

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Col. Brian Laidlaw has a satellite image on his cell-phone showing the eye of Hurricane Michael making landfall. Peer deep into the left side of the eye and you can see two parallel lines. Those are his runways. You see some structures. Those are his hangars.

Somewhere in there on that Wednesday afternoon two weeks ago was the colonel himself, the commander of Tyndall Air Force Base, here on the coast of the Florida Panhandle. He rode out the storm along with 92 other personnel after thousands of people under his command had evacuated.

The hurricane peeled off the roof of Laidlaw's bunker. When the eye arrived and the winds calmed, everyone went outside to survey the damage, and they got a glimpse of blue sky. They retreated as the second eyewall approached.

When they emerged again, just before sunset, they beheld total devastation.

Every structure on the base was damaged, its airplane hangars shredded and largely roofless. While most of the base's 55 F-22 fighter jets were flown away in advance of the storm, some remained in those hangars due to maintenance issues. Air Force officials have declined to say exactly how many remained, citing operational security, or how damaged they might be.

Each F-22, known as the Raptor, is worth more than \$140 million. The planes are considered highly nimble at both supersonic and subsonic speeds and keep a small radar signature that makes it hard for adversaries to track. The Raptors were all in hangars when the storm hit, but they likely suffered at least some surface damage, and that could impair their radar-deflecting technology.

But if he could have done anything differently in advance of the storm to safeguard the elite stealth fighters, Laidlaw made clear that his highest priority was the safety of the people he commands.

"No one got killed and no one got hurt. You'll see what my base looks like. But my people are good," Laidlaw said as he drove around Tyndall in an SUV with a blown-out window. "I can fix things. I can't fix people."

The natural disaster has prompted some fears in Florida that the Air Force could shutter the base, which sits adjacent to badly damaged Panama City and along the same coastline as Mexico Beach, which was nearly wiped from the map.

Lawmakers have sought assurances that the service will rebuild Tyndall, a pillar of the region's economy and a significant Panhandle employer. Air Force officials have said that's their plan, drawing comparisons to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.,



CARLOS MUNOZ, SARASOTA (FLA.) HERALD-TRIBUNE/AP

Damage from Hurricane Michael is evident on the buildings at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., on Sunday.

which was devastated during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and did not fully recover for about five years.

The base did not get completely obliterated the way Mexico Beach did, in part because it was on the left side of the hurricane's eye, and due to Michael's rotation, the storm surge was to the right of the eye. Most of the damage to Tyndall was from the 155 mph sustained winds.

Some of Tyndall's enormous hangars are visible from U.S. Highway 98, which cuts through the 29,000-acre base. There are unpopulated woodlands — now filled with jackknifed pines, snapped neatly about a dozen feet above the ground — along a long stretch of the base.

There were 1,340 buildings on the base before the storm, totaling 5.6 million square feet, including 1.3 million square feet of privatized housing. There also are 62 miles of paved roads, 609,000 feet of electric lines and about 1.2 million feet of water, sewer and storm water lines.

The influence of Tyndall extends far beyond the base perimeter. Many civilian employees live in nearby bedroom communities that were chewed to pits during the storm. Just across the bridge that connects Tyndall to Panama City, Leon's Donuts sur-

vived, and owner Lin Tung, 67, said he'll stay in business because he can't afford to move elsewhere. More than a third of his customers came from Tyndall, he said.

"You decide to live here, and a hurricane is one of the things that happens," Tung said. "We were due for one for a long time."

Just up the road in a demolished mobile home park, Jacquie Merrill, 47, who works in flight medicine at Tyndall as a civilian employee, said her home was destroyed by Michael. A major setback for Tyndall would be a major setback for her.

"I'd lose my job — on top of my car and my home and everything else," she said.

That Friday before the weekend, Laidlaw held a staff meeting. He asked about the upcoming weather. There was some kind of disturbance swirling down near the Yucatan, but he was told the tropics were clear.

The forecast quickly evolved in an alarming direction. Unlike Hurricane Florence, which gave North Carolina almost a week to prepare as it lumbered across the Atlantic, Michael grew rapidly into a hurricane as it rolled north and hit unusually warm Gulf water.

Laidlaw recalled that it was on Sunday when he knew he had a problem, and that evening he

began pulling jets from their hangars to fly to other bases. The situation grew even direr when the forecast evolved again, showing Michael becoming a Category 4 hurricane.

On Monday at 5 p.m., Laidlaw ordered a mandatory evacuation of the base as well as any personnel in nearby communities, a total of 11,000 people. The last of the operational F-22s were flown away Tuesday morning. Tuesday night at 11:30 p.m., he made a final circuit of the base, making sure everything was locked down tight.

At midnight, everyone remaining began to shelter in place. They had trained for hurricanes. But usually they had more time; this went from HURCON 4 to HURCON 1 awfully fast.

In the aftermath, the first order of battle was clearing a runway. The Air Force sent in a Special Operations team. Then came more relief personnel, and by Monday of this week, there was a full-blown tent city and finally a huge white tent where everyone could get hot food instead of MREs.

About 800 personnel were on site, a number rising by the day. But most of his people remain scattered. Laidlaw said his wife and children have relocated to a base in Pensacola.

The commander deflected questions about the base's long-term prospects.

Driving around, he gave fist bumps to his people, asking about morale, bantering, trying to keep spirits up.

He said the same thing to everyone: "You need anything, you let me know."

## Humvee dropped from plane by mistake

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Military officials say an Air Force C-17 prematurely dropped a Humvee by parachute into rural North Carolina, miles from the intended target, but no injuries were reported on the ground.

Fort Bragg spokesman Tom McCollum told news outlets the parachute opened and the vehicle landed Wednesday in a wooded area between two homes between the Johnsonville and Spout Springs communities in Harnett County, about 7 miles north of Fort Bragg's drop zones.

McCollum said the heavy drop was part of a test conducted by soldiers from the Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate. The unit tests new equipment and procedures to support the aerial delivery and transportation of military equipment.

He said the incident is under investigation. The aircraft is stationed at Joint Air Force Base Charleston.

## Cannon Air Force base completes water testing

CLOVIS, N.M. — Recent tests show water from three of 25 private water sites near Cannon Air Force Base is not safe to drink.

The Eastern New Mexico News reported the U.S. Air Force Civil Engineer Center has completed testing the sites and two other sites are below the Environmental Protection Agency safety threshold but still need monitoring.

Twenty sites showed no evidence the water is contaminated.

The testing was done in response to Cannon's announcement in August that groundwater monitoring wells on base contained high levels of Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances, or PFAS.

Two other sites were found to be below the health advisory of 70 parts per trillion of certain PFAS, but high enough for monitoring.

## China, US plan a defense meeting despite tension

BEIJING — China says it is working with the Pentagon on arranging a visit to the U.S. by Defense Minister Wei Fenghe that has been sidelined by a spike in tensions.

Defense Ministry spokesman Wu Qian said Thursday the sides were communicating closely on a visit and that Beijing hopes the U.S. will work with it to strengthen cooperation and "control risks."

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis met Thursday with Wei on the sidelines of an Asian security conference in Singapore.

While that meeting produced no new agreements, U.S. officials said they sense military relations may be stabilizing after a rocky few months, highlighted by a near-collision between Chinese and American destroyers in the South China Sea.

China has also been angered by closer U.S. relations with Taiwan.

From The Associated Press

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## MILITARY

# Effort to counter interference in election launched

By ELLEN NAKASHIMA  
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Cyber Command has begun targeting Russian operatives, warning them that the military is tracking their activities in an attempt to deter them from disrupting the fast-approaching midterm elections, according to defense officials.

Begun in recent days, the operation is the first under a new presidential order easing restrictions on offensive cyberspace actions against foreign networks and represents Cyber Command's initial foray into safeguarding U.S. elections, officials said.

The news comes as President Donald Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, warned officials in Moscow this week that he considered Russian interference in the American election process "intolerable."

The digital alerts, which could take the form of text or direct messages, pop-ups or emails, are meant to stay below the level of an armed attack, so as not to provoke the Russians into counterattacks, officials said. Their targets include military hackers and "trolls" financed by Russian oligarchs.

"The U.S. government leadership has made it clear that it will not accept any foreign interference or attempts to undermine or

manipulate our elections in any way," Cybercom spokesman Joseph Holstead said. "This includes the whole-of-government effort to protect election infrastructure and prevent malign, covert election influence operations."

The campaign, first reported by The New York Times, is part of Gen. Paul Nakasone's increased focus on deterring such aggression, which the "dual-hatted" head of Cyber Command and the National Security Agency has called his first priority.

"There is nothing more important, no other priority that is higher at the NSA than the security of the midterm elections," Nakasone said at a conference last month. "We looked at what our adversaries have done previously and what they might do in the future. ... The forces that are working are well trained, ready to do what is aggression in terms of securing the elections in 2018."

In remarks this month, Nakasone noted that the United States is facing adversaries such as Russia and China that are "looking to really take us on below that level of armed conflict," whether to steal intellectual property or disrupt elections. And so, he said, "our military must be able to ... compete below the level of armed conflict."

"This is what great power competition looks like today," Naka-



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

The National Security Agency campus, where U.S. Cyber Command is located, is seen in 2013 at Fort Meade, Md.

son said, "and it's what we will look at as we look to the future."

The initiative also reflects the Defense Department's commitment to helping the Department of Homeland Security protect American elections, officials said.

It is not clear how effective a deterrent such warnings will be against Russian operatives such as those who brazenly assaulted U.S. political campaigns and ran disinformation operations to sow discord in the 2016 election season and sought to tip it in favor of Donald Trump.

Such messages could indicate to the Russians that if they continue their malicious activities, they might become the target of U.S. sanctions or indictments, experts said.

In recent months, the U.S. government has obtained indictments against and imposed sanctions on Russian operators who sought to undermine the American political system. The targets include officers with Russia's military spy agency, the GRU, and individuals working for the Russia-based Internet Research Agency, a troll farm financed by an oligarch close to Russian President Vladimir Putin. On Friday, the Justice Department charged a Russian woman with interfering in the midterm elections.

"Simply telling individual Russian operators that the American intelligence community is aware of them individually, and watching them, is a big deal," said Thomas Rid, a strategic studies professor at Johns Hopkins University

who has researched Russian cyberspace operations. "In the past few months, GRU officers have already been exposed, indicted, humiliated and ridiculed, even in Russia. Such semi-covert messaging is likely to invite friction, if not fear, into the ranks of Russian covert operators."

Other experts were less sanguine.

"I'm skeptical that mere warnings to Russian operatives will serve as an effective deterrent," said Michael Carpenter, a former deputy assistant U.S. secretary of defense who handled Russia policy. "I think it's more likely to drive them to try other attack vectors. If there were a way to disrupt their operations, however, I don't think that should be out of bounds."

## Airman invents way to hold plane's landing gear doors closed

By WILL CAMPBELL  
The (Spokane, Wash.)  
Spokesman-Review

The window behind Tech. Sgt. Shawn Roberge's computer at Fairchild Air Force Base reveals a shop arranged with metal fabrication machines and tools he uses to tinker with parts for an old KC-135 Stratotanker.

"We have aging aircraft with a retirement date being pushed further and further back," he said. "As they become older, we're running across bigger jobs."

But Roberge, section chief of the aircraft structural maintenance shop, has been empowered by recent efforts in the Air Force that encourage inventive thinking.

In his shop, he developed a mechanism to hold the landing-gear doors closed on the nose of the massive military plane, a 1950s-era fuel-transportation aircraft. The problem persists with every KC-135. According to Roberge's calculations, he could save across Air Force about \$1.5 million if his invention was used on



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A KC-135 Stratotanker flies a refueling mission in July.

every one of the 431 Stratotankers still in commission.

It's a drop in the bucket for the Air Force's \$156.3 billion budget, but it shows that the branch is encouraging its members to innovate.

"The Air Force is empowering our airmen to think outside the

box," Roberge said. "In the past, you couldn't do that."

When the plane is in flight and preparing to land, two doors open on the bottom of the plane's nose, and out spring the landing gear and its wheels. But when the plane is being taxied around the air base for repair, the doors must

be held shut.

The old technology hasn't changed since the plane was commissioned in 1956, Roberge said. Crews have been using a webbed strap to keep the doors closed.

But crew chiefs, the repairmen of the aircraft, struggle with it, Roberge said, because it causes the edges of the doors to snag and peel back the sheet metal. Each time it happens, it causes about \$3,500 in repair time and material costs.

Roberge's invention solves the problem.

It doesn't have a name, he said, because he's not sure that he's allowed to name it. But for now, he calls it the nose landing gear door lock.

The invention is made of three aluminum arms connected by hinges. Two arms secure it to the underside of the wheel well of the aircraft's nose, and the third arm hangs down below the doors. When Roberge swings the doors up, a latch on the third arm locks them into place.

"It's very simple," he said.

"I can give it to you and you could probably do it without any instructions."

Roberge's interest in engineering began with a foray into car engines in the third grade when his dad bought him a car for his birthday.

"It didn't run, but he bought it for me to tear apart," he said.

Now Roberge is close to earning a bachelor's degree in structural engineering from Eastern Washington University.

Born and raised in Spokane, he's been stationed at Fairchild for 12 years.

"Being here 12 years, I start to notice problem areas," he said.

His invention is the first marketable part he's made for any local little inventions."

Roberge is flying to Gaylord, Texas, soon to show his invention in a contest called the Airman Powered by Innovation competition. If he wins, he'll go to Orlando, Fla., for another competition called Air Force Spark Tank 2019.

## NATION

# Bomber likely left behind forensic clues

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WASHINGTON — Investigators examining the explosive devices sent to high-profile targets in Washington and New York this week will be working to glean forensic clues to help identify who sent them, gathering fingerprints and DNA evidence while tracking the origin of the packages and the components used to make the bombs.

Larry Johnson, a former head of criminal investigations for the U.S. Secret Service who also served as a special agent in charge of the presidential protective detail, said that bomb makers usually leave evidence behind.

"If there is a human involved, there is a high probability you're going to get somewhere investigatively," he said. "There will be no stone left unturned."

Johnson said it is highly likely that the person or people who built the bombs have been previously flagged by law enforcement. The Secret Service maintains an extensive database of individuals and groups who have made past threats against presidents or other top political leaders, either through letters, emails or on social media.

"A good percentage of the time, this is not the first time



CNN/AP

**The explosive device that was delivered to CNN's New York headquarters Wednesday is shown. The package contained a live explosive with wires, a pipe and an envelope with white powder. Officials said the substance was being tested to see if it is dangerous.**

whoever is responsible for this will have stuck their neck out," Johnson said. "Those looking to do revenge or harm to someone, it doesn't just come to them one day."

Among the first steps for investigators will be retracing the path of the packages through the postal system or courier service used to deliver them.

The U.S. Postal Service operates a sophisticated imaging system that photographs the outside of each piece of mail processed across the country and can be used to determine the specific location of where it was sent. That's how federal officials were led to a

woman who sent the poison ricin through the mail to President Barack Obama and then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg in 2013.

The envelopes and packaging materials themselves will also be closely scrutinized.

"It will be a treasure trove of forensic evidence," said Anthony Roman, a private security and investigations consultant. "As human beings, we are filtering off our DNA everywhere we walk, everywhere we sit."

Even the most careful bomber is likely to leave behind genetic material that could be used to identify them, especially traces

of sweat, saliva or skin cells. There may also be fingerprints or hair.

Roman said investigators will also be collecting all available video camera footage taken from where the packages were mailed and delivered, as well as interviewing any potential witnesses in the area.

Because the devices were intercepted before they exploded, forensics experts will be able to carefully disassemble the devices and examine the components. They'll examine the wiring, the initiating system, any timing device.

If it was a pipe bomb, authorities will seek to identify what type of pipe. The design of the bomb will be compared with other explosive devices recovered in the past.

Adam B. Hall, director of the Core Mass Spectrometry Facility at the Barnett Institute of Chemical and Biological Analysis at Northeastern University, said most devices are made from easily available materials regardless of what specific type of device it is.

It will have three primary components: the pipe, the explosive filler and an "initiator," or mechanism to set it off. The initiator will help identify how sophisticated the bomb maker is, whether it's a timing device or a

remote trigger.

"Your typical pipe bomb, it's not very sophisticated," said Hall, who previously worked in the Massachusetts State Police crime laboratory and was involved in the Boston Marathon bombing investigation. "A lot of the directions for this are available on the Internet."

"... This is not something that would require days or weeks of planning in order to execute."

Still, there are likely innumerable telltale signs that could help authorities track down how and where it was made, said Jimmie Oxley, the co-director of the University of Rhode Island's Center of Excellence in Explosives, Detection, Mitigation, and Response.

Some explosives can be homemade, which will make them more difficult to trace. But other materials must be purchased and can help narrow down where and how a device was made.

Smokeless powder, for example, is virtually guaranteed to have been purchased. Black powder can be commercial grade or homemade, but it's easy to discern which is which.

"All of these are signatures," she said.

## Packages: Trump responds to bombs, calling them 'abhorrent' and 'egregious'

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The politics belied the life-and-death nature of the growing list of bombing targets in New York, Delaware, Washington, Florida and California.

The FBI said Thursday that the packages sent to De Niro and Biden were similar to those discovered earlier.

De Niro dropped an expletive insult at Trump at this year's Tony Awards and also apologized to Canadians for the "idiotic behavior of my president."

Biden criticized Trump as recently as last week, saying the president might not "know what he's doing" and coddles dictators.

Recovery of the packages to Biden and De Niro came after others were received by prominent Democrats and CNN.

The first crude bomb to be discovered had been delivered Monday to the suburban New York compound of George Soros, a liberal billionaire and major contributor to Democratic causes. Soros has called Trump's presidency "dangerous."

Similar packages addressed to Hillary Clinton and former President Barack Obama were intercepted on their way to Chappaqua, N.Y., where Clinton lives with former President Bill Clinton, and to

Washington, where Obama lives with his wife, Michelle.

The Secret Service said neither package reached its intended recipient.

More were sent to frequent Trump critics Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., and former Attorney General Eric Holder. His ended up at the Florida office of Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who was listed as the return addressee.

A police bomb squad removed the package addressed to Brennan from CNN's New York office, which was evacuated.

The bombs seized Wednesday, each with a small battery, were about six inches long and packed with powder and broken glass, said a law enforcement official who viewed X-ray images and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

The official said the devices were made from PVC pipe and covered with black tape.

The devices all were sent to an FBI lab in Virginia to be studied. Officials provided no details on a possible suspect or motive.

"Suffice it to say, it appears an individual or individuals sent out multiple, similar packages," said John Miller, the New York Po-

lice Department's head of intelligence and counterterrorism, who briefed reporters.

As the scope of the attack became clearer Wednesday, Trump decried political violence during a scripted event in the White House East Room, and other members of the administration said it has no place in American society.

Later at a rally in Wisconsin, he urged unity.

"Let's get along," he said. "By the way, do you see how nice I'm behaving tonight? Have you ever seen this?"

At the same event, though, he blamed the media. On Twitter, the president kept up the argument Thursday that the media plays a role.

"Acts or threats of political violence have no place in the United States," Trump said. "This egregious conduct is abhorrent."

Other Republican leaders said the same.

But Democratic Senate and House leaders Chuck Schumer, of New York, and Nancy Pelosi, of California, said such words "ring hollow" when coming from Trump. They noted the president's recent praise of a GOP congressman who body-slammed a reporter, among other Trump statements.



MARK LENIHAN/AP

**A member of the New York National Guard, center, watches as commuters walk through the World Trade Center Transportation Hub in New York on Thursday.**

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders sought to draw a distinction between words and deeds.

"There is a big difference between comments made and actions taken," she told reporters. "The president is certainly not responsible for sending suspicious packages to someone no more than Bernie Sanders was responsible for a supporter of his shooting up a Republican base-

ball field practice last year."

James T. Hodgkinson, 66, was shot and killed by police after he opened fire on congressional Republicans practicing for their annual charity baseball game against Democrats in 2017. Rep. Steve Scalise, of Louisiana, the House majority whip, was struck in the hip and badly wounded.

Hodgkinson's widow said he had been a supporter of Bernie Sanders in 2016.

## NATION

# More troops heading to border with Mexico

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will send several hundred troops, including active-duty soldiers, to the U.S.-Mexico border, defense officials said Thursday after President Donald Trump vowed he was “bringing out the military” to curb illegal immigration.

The troops could deploy in the coming days, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Pentagon had yet to make an announcement. It was not clear which Army units would deploy or whether the entire deployment would consist of active-duty troops.

Defense officials declined to confirm how many troops would be deployed, though CNN and The Associated Press on Thursday reported 800 troops would be sent to the southern border, citing unnamed officials.

The deployment, which was expected to be approved by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis this week, comes at Trump's request via the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. officials said. It was expected to include troops who specialize in engineering and construction capabilities. It likely would also include medical and legal specialists, according to the official.

The deployment would not include front-line combat troops,

such as infantrymen, one defense official said.

The deploying forces would join the roughly 2,100 National Guard troops already operating along the U.S.-Mexico border, where they are tasked predominantly with aiding U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents. Those troops, ordered by Trump to the border in April, have been barred from interacting with migrants. Most of them are also barred from carrying weapons, however, officials said all troops retain the right to defend themselves.

Instead, the National Guard troops have conducted some surveillance operations, but they largely have worked in administrative or vehicle maintenance

roles behind the scenes, freeing Border Patrol agents to conduct law enforcement operations, according to the Pentagon.

The original Trump order in April authorized up to 4,000 National Guard troops to serve the border mission. They are operating under the control of state governors from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

It was not clear Thursday if the new deployment would fall under the umbrella of the original order.

Federal law prohibits American servicemembers from performing civilian law enforcement duties on U.S. soil outside of military installations.

Trump first threatened to send

more troops to the U.S.-Mexico border last week to stop a loosely organized group of migrants, commonly referred to as a caravan, from attempting to enter the United States.

On Oct. 18, the president called the group, which media reports indicate includes up to 5,000 people, an “assault on our country by Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador,” blaming the Democratic Party, which he accused of advocating for open borders and weak immigration laws. The caravan is now in southern Mexico.

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## Migrant caravan numbers dwindle

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MAPASTEPEC, Mexico — Little by little, sickness, fear and police harassment are whittling down the migrant caravan making its way to the U.S. border, with many of the 4,000 to 5,000 migrants who resumed their journey Thursday complaining of exhaustion.

The group, many with children and even pushing toddlers in strollers, departed Mapastepec at dawn with more than 1,000 miles still to go before they reach the U.S. border.

They had advanced about 95 miles as the crow flies since thousands burst across Mexico's southernmost border six days earlier.

The column stretched for more than a mile as the migrants left the town square where many spent the night. The municipality of some 45,000 people, along with churches and volunteers, offered some medicine and donated water, clothing baby formula and baby bottles.

As they reached the highway, families with young children packed sidewalks asking for donations and rides to the next stop, Pijipapan, about 25 miles further ahead.

Melkin Claros, 34, was traveling with his 7-year old son and a teenage nephew and remained steadfast in his goal. “Everyone's objective is to arrive (in the United States),” he said, adding that he planned to request asylum because gangs made it impossible to live in Honduras.

“It's true you risk your life a lot here, but we risk more in our country.”

Still, Mexican officials say nearly 1,700 have dropped out of the caravan to apply for asylum in Mexico, and a few hundred have accepted government offers to bus them back to their home countries.

Roberto Hernandez, of Yoro province in Honduras,

dropped out after developing a rumbling cough during the scorching daytime heat and evening rains.

“We got hit by rain, and ever since then I've had a cold,” Hernandez said. Asked Wednesday if he would make another attempt to reach the U.S., he said emphatically: “No, I'm going to make my life in Honduras.”

For Pedro Arturo Torres, it appeared to be homesickness that broke his determination to reach the U.S.

“We didn't know what lay ahead,” said Torres. “We want to return to our country, where you can get by — even if just with beans, but you can survive, there with our families, at peace.”

The Mexican federal government's attitude has also played a role in wearing down the caravan.

All the food, old clothes, water and medicine given to the migrants have come from private citizens, church groups or sympathetic local officials.

The federal government hasn't given the migrants on the road a single meal, a bathroom or a bottle of water. It has reserved those only for migrants who turn themselves in at immigration offices to apply for visas or be deported.

Sometimes federal police have interfered with the caravan.

In at least one instance, The Associated Press saw federal police officers force a half-dozen passenger vans to pull over and make the drivers kick migrants off while leaving Mexican passengers aboard. In a climate where heat makes walking nearly impossible at midday, such tactics may eventually take a toll on migrants' health.

In Mapastepec, where the main group stayed Wednesday night, it appeared the size of the caravan had diminished slightly. The United Nations estimated earlier in the week that about 7,000 people were in the group. The Mexican government gave its own figure Wednesday of “approximately



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Central Americans traveling in a caravan to the U.S. make their way to Pijipapan, Mexico, on Thursday.



Central Americans traveling with the caravan climb onto a trailer bed, hitching a ride to Pijipapan on Thursday.

3,630.”

Parents say they keep going for their children's futures, and fears of what could happen to them back home in gang-dominated Honduras, which was the main motivation for deciding to leave in the first place.

“They can't be alone. There's always danger,” said Ludin

Giron, a Honduran street vendor making the difficult journey with her three young children. “When (gang members) see a pretty girl, they want her for themselves. If they see a boy, they want to get him into drugs.”

Refusing either demand can be deadly. Honduras has a homicide rate of about 43 per 100,000

inhabitants, one of the highest in the world for any country not in open war.

On Wednesday, Giron crammed with her children, 3-year-olds Justin and Nicole and 5-year-old Astrid, into the seat of a motorcycle taxi meant for only two passengers. Also perched on the perilously overcrowded motorbike were Reyna Esperanza Espinosa and her 11-year-old daughter, Elsa Araceli.

Espinosa, a tortilla maker from Cortes, Honduras, said there was no work back home. “That's why we decided to come here, to give a better future for our children,” she said.

Such caravans have taken place regularly, if on a smaller scale, over the years, but U.S. President Donald Trump has seized on the phenomenon this year. He tweeted Wednesday that the U.S. “will never accept people coming into our Country illegally!”

Another, smaller caravan earlier this year dwindled greatly as it passed through Mexico, with only about 200 making it to the California border.



## NATION



JOHN BAZEMORE, POOL/AP

Democratic gubernatorial candidate for Georgia Stacey Abrams, left, speaks as her Republican opponent, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, looks on during a debate in Atlanta on Tuesday.

# Judge: Allow voters to fix mismatched signatures

By KATE BRUMBACH  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia election officials must stop rejecting absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications because of a mismatched signature without first giving voters a chance to fix the problem, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Leigh May ordered the secretary of state's office to instruct county election officials to stop the practice for the November midterm elections. She outlined a procedure to allow voters to resolve alleged signature discrepancies.

Two lawsuits filed earlier this month allege that election officials are improperly rejecting absentee ballots and applications in violation of their constitutional rights. The lawyers behind both lawsuits had filed emergency requests asking May to make certain immediate changes while the

litigation is pending.

May's order comes in the final weeks of Georgia's tight, nationally watched governor's race between Democrat Stacey Abrams, who's trying to become the country's first black female governor, and Republican Secretary of State Brian Kemp. The two have fought for years over voting rights and ballot security measures. Abrams as a longtime legislative leader and Kemp as Georgia's chief elections official.

Abrams has accused Kemp of using his office to make it harder for minority voters to cast ballots. He has denied it vehemently.

Georgia law allows voters to cast an absentee ballot before an election regardless of whether they are able to vote in person on Election Day.

If the voter's signature on the absentee ballot envelope or absentee ballot application doesn't match the signature on the voter registration card, state law says it

should be rejected. An absentee ballot can also be rejected if the voter signs in the wrong place or incorrectly fills out spaces designated for address and year of birth on the envelope.

The law doesn't allow voters to contest the allegation of a mismatched signature or to confirm their identity before rejection. The law says voters are to be notified "promptly" of any rejection, but no time frame is provided. The lawsuits say that could result in voters being notified too late to fix the problem, jeopardizing their right to vote.

May's order says that if there's a perceived signature mismatch on an absentee ballot, election officials must mark it as provisional. They must then send the voter a pre-rejection notice and allow the voter an opportunity to confirm his or her identity and have the vote counted no later than three days after the election, the order says.

# China denies report of spying on Trump

Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Thursday denounced a U.S. newspaper report that it is listening to President Donald Trump's phone calls as "fake news" and suggested he exchange his iPhone for a cellphone made by Chinese manufacturer Huawei.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters that the journalists behind the report in The New York Times "are sparing no efforts to win the Academy Award for best screenplay."

"Firstly, the New York Times

should know that such report just provides another piece of evidence that the NYT is making fake news," Hua said at a daily news briefing.

"Secondly, I suggest they replace their iPhone with Huawei ones if they are really concerned about security issues," Hua said.

A 2012 report by a congressional panel said Huawei's equipment was a security risk.

If the U.S. is still concerned about security, Trump could "abandon all modern communication devices and cut off contact

with the outside completely," she said.

The Times reported that American intelligence reports said Chinese and Russian spies are listening in when Trump calls friends on one of his iPhones and is using the information to try to influence him and affect administration policy.

Trump pushed back against the idea that he uses insecure cellphones, tweeting Thursday that he uses only government phones "and have only one seldom used government cell phone."

# Poll: Most in US see deep divide in nation

By JUANA SUMMERS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With just two weeks to go until the critical midterm elections, an overwhelming majority of Americans say the United States is greatly divided, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll. Few Americans believe those stark divisions will get better anytime soon.

The newly released survey found that more than 8 in 10 Americans think the country is greatly divided about important values. Just 20 percent of Americans say they think the country will become less divided over the next few years, and 39 percent think things will get worse. A strong majority of Americans, 77 percent, say they are dissatisfied with the state of politics in the country.

The poll was conducted Oct. 11-14 in the final sprint to the midterm elections, in which President Donald Trump has been rallying his supporters to turn out to vote in November. Overall, 59 percent of Americans disapprove of how Trump, a Republican, is handling his job as president, while 40 percent of Americans approve.

How Americans view Trump divides along partisan lines, ac-

cording to the poll. While 83 percent of Republicans approve of how Trump is handling his job, 92 percent of Democrats and 61 percent of independents say they do not approve.

According to the poll, nearly half of Americans say they aren't hearing enough from campaigns about the issues that matter most to them. Fifty-four percent of Democrats and 44 percent of Republicans say they are hearing too little about key issues.

Overall, top issues for Americans include health care, education, economic growth, Social Security and crime, each of which was called very important by at least three-quarters of Americans.

Fifty-eight percent of Americans say they are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the country, compared with 25 percent who say they are satisfied. But Americans are slightly more likely to be satisfied with the way things are going in their state or in their local community.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,152 adults was conducted Oct. 11-14 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

# Papadopoulos to speak with House panels probing bias

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George Papadopoulos, the former Trump campaign adviser who triggered the Russia investigation, will make his first appearance before congressional investigators Thursday.

Special counsel Robert Mueller charged Papadopoulos with lying to the FBI about his contacts with Russian intermediaries. He was sentenced



Papadopoulos

in September to two weeks in prison. Papadopoulos will speak behind closed doors to two GOP-led House committees that are investigating partisan bias at the Justice Department.

Since he was sentenced to two weeks in prison, Papadopoulos has been eager to talk publicly. He has spent many nights on Twitter, along with his wife, venting anger with the FBI and implying that he was set up in the investigation. He has said on Twitter that he would like to talk to Congress about his "suspicious encounters" with an Australian diplomat and a pro-

fessor who were links to his case. And his lawyer sent a letter to the committees this week in which he listed nine people he wants to discuss in the interview, including both of those men.

"As you know, in the spirit of full transparency, Mr. Papadopoulos had requested that his interview be public," wrote Caroline Polisi in an Oct. 22 letter obtained by The Associated Press. "We understand that is not an option at this time, but would welcome the opportunity to do so at a later date."

Papadopoulos, who served as a foreign policy adviser to Trump's campaign, has been a central figure in the Russia investigation dating back before Mueller's May 2017 appointment. He was the first to plead guilty in Mueller's probe and the first Trump campaign adviser to be sentenced. His case was also the first to detail a member of the Trump campaign having knowledge of Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election while it was ongoing.

According to a sweeping indictment, Russian intelligence had stolen emails from Hillary Clinton's campaign and other Democratic groups by April 2016, the same month Papadopoulos was told by the professor, Joseph Mifsud, that Russian officials had told him they had "dirt" on Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails."

# NATION

# Trump: Law to put 'big dent' in opioid abuse

By DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump pledged on Wednesday to put an "extremely big dent" in the scourge of drug addiction in America as he signed legislation intended to help tackle the opioid crisis, the deadliest epidemic of overdoses in the country's history.

Nearly 48,000 people died last year from overdoses involving opioids. Overall, U.S. drug overdose deaths have started to level off, but Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar says it's too soon to declare victory.

The legislation will add treat-

ment options and get the U.S. Postal Service to screen overseas packages for a synthetic form of opioids called fentanyl that are being shipped largely from China.

The measure mandates advance electronic data on all international packages, including those delivered by the Postal Service, and set deadlines for the screening to be put into place by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection and the Postal Service.

The Obama administration secured a commitment to expand treatment and Congress provided \$1 billion in grants to states. Trump declared the opioid

epidemic a national emergency and two major funding bills have passed under his watch.

"My administration has also launched an unprecedented effort to target drug dealers, traffickers and smugglers," Trump said. "We are shutting down online networks, cracking down on international shipments and going after foreign traffickers like never before."

The White House says the Justice Department has shuttered a large "Darknet" distributor of drugs, and in August indicted two Chinese nationals accused of manufacturing the shipping of fentanyl and 250 other drugs to at least 25 countries and 37 states.

Fentanyl is inexpensive but some 50 times more powerful than heroin, according to Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who was recognized at the East Room event along with other lawmakers instrumental in getting the bill passed.

Despite Trump's calls for using the death penalty against major drug dealers, his administration has built on the treatment approach that former President Barack Obama favored.

The legislation covers not only opioids but also any kind of substance abuse.

It expands Americans' access to treatment and changes the law that prohibited Medicaid from re-

imbursing residential treatment at certain facilities with more than 16 beds.

It includes \$60 million for babies born dependent on these drugs and authorizes a variety of programs, such as drug courts that work to get offenders into treatment instead of behind bars.

"Together we are going to end the scourge of drug addiction in America," Trump said. "We are going to end it or we are going to at least put an extremely big dent in this terrible problem."

Trump also recognized more than 20 corporations for private-sector commitments to fight the opioid crisis.

## Arrest made in Ky. grocery killings

Associated Press

JEFFERSONSTOWN, Ky. — A gunman fatally shot a man in the back of the head inside a Kroger and then killed a woman in the grocery store's parking lot before exchanging gunfire with a bystander, police said. Officers then captured the suspect as he tried to flee.

Gregory Alan Bush, 51, was booked early Thursday on two counts of murder and 10 counts of felony wanton endangerment, according to Louisville Metro Department of Corrections records.

His arrest report says Bush walked to the back of the Kroger store, pulled a gun from his waist and shot the first victim in the back of the head, then kept shooting him multiple times "as he was down on the floor."

Jeffersonstown Police Chief Sam Rogers said in an initial news conference at the scene that "we have idea" what motivated the shootings. The FBI later announced that it "is evaluating the evidence to determine if there were any violations of federal law."

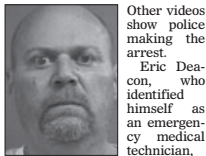
Rogers said the suspect then shot a woman multiple times in the parking lot about 1 p.m. on Wednesday. Both victims died at the scene. A citizen armed with a gun engaged the suspect, trading gunfire in the parking lot, but no one was hit, Rogers said.

Bystander video shows a white man in a distinctive neon-yellow shirt trying to get away. He's recorded driving out of the lot while an officer chases after him on foot.



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Louisville police officers talk inside a grocery in Jeffersonstown, Ky., following a shooting that left two people dead, on Wednesday.



Bush

checkout lane when he heard the first shot, in the pharmacy area.

He said a man came around the corner and "the look on his face, he looked like he just didn't care."

Other videos show police making the arrest.

Eric Deacon, who identified himself as an emergency medical technician, said he was in the self-

Deacon said he saw another man in the store with a gun who appeared to be shooting at the suspect. Deacon went outside and saw a woman in her mid-50s or early 60s who had been hit, and tried to resuscitate her.

"She was gone, there's nothing I could do," Deacon said. "I think she just got caught in the crossfire."

The Kroger Co. issued a statement saying that company officials were "shocked and saddened by the shooting."

"Thanks to the quick response of the local police department, the suspect was apprehended, and our store is secure."

and check our adversaries," he said in the announcement. Kristin Monsell, ocean legal director for the Center for Biological Diversity, said approval of Liberty sets the country down a path of destroying the Arctic.

"An oil spill in the Arctic would be impossible to clean up and the region is already stressed by climate change," she said.

## Killer of Utah student previously called himself womanizing manipulator

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A sex offender who killed a University of Utah student he briefly dated once said at a parole hearing that he was a womanizer who manipulated women to get what he wanted.

Melvin Rowland said he was attracted to teenage girls and vulnerable women, and sought to manipulate those he met in person or online, according to a recording of the 2012 hearing released by Utah state authorities.

Police said Rowland, 37, fatally shot Lauren McCluskey, 21, of Pullman, Wash., on Monday night on the university campus and then killed himself in a church as officers closed in.

The victim's mother, Jill McCluskey, said her daughter had broken off her monthlong relationship with Rowland after learning he had lied about his name, age and criminal history.

Lauren McCluskey later filed a harassment complaint with campus police, who were building a case against Rowland at the time of the killing.

The recordings of five parole hearings from 2010 to 2018 released by the Utah Board of Parole and Pardon show that officials repeatedly expressed concerns about Rowland's manipulative behavior and his inability to stop going online to meet women.

At a hearing this year, Rowland painted a portrait of a changed man. He said being both a peer leader in prison and a father had helped him tap into his empathy and learn to follow the rules.

"There's a different perspective now than what I had in the past," Rowland said. "I was a very selfish, narcissistic man. It was all about me."

Two months later, he was granted an early release from prison.

Rowland spent nearly a decade in prison after pleading guilty in 2004 to trying to lure an underage girl online and attempted sex abuse charges, according to court



Rowland

records.

He had been caught in an online sex crimes sting when a police officer posed as a 13-year-old girl. After he was charged, a woman came forward to report he had sexually assaulted her after a separate online meeting a few days earlier.

Rowland was sent back to prison twice for parole violations that included possessing pornography and failure to complete therapy.

The recordings of the hearings show that Rowland was born in New York and adopted by an older couple who died when he was young. He was sent to a state-run group home and later placed in a private boarding school in Colorado, where he earned a high school diploma.

He spent time in a Buddhist institute in Berkeley, Calif., joined Jobs Corps, took classes at Salt Lake Community College and got a job as a certified nurse assistant.

He said during the parole hearing in February that he was a pre-med student at the University of Utah. However, he was only a part-time student at the school for two semesters in 2003-2004 and didn't declare a major, university spokesman Chris Nelson said.

Rowland said at one hearing that he hoped to become a doctor, but his addiction to "internet sexual activity" had ruined his life.

A vigil was held Wednesday night on campus to honor McCluskey, a 19-year-old athlete who was majoring in communication. Many of her track teammates walked away tears, including senior Mesa Weidle.

"She was an amazing, genuine and caring person, and she will be really missed," Weidle told the Salt Lake Tribune.

## Oil, gas production approved for US Arctic waters

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The first oil and gas production wells in federal Arctic waters have been approved by U.S. regulators.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Wednesday announced it issued a conditional permit for the Liberty Project, a proposal by a subsidiary of Houston-based Hilcorp for production

wells on an artificial island in the Beaufort Sea.

The approval follows through on President Donald Trump's promise of American energy dominance, said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

"Responsibly developing our resources, in Alaska especially, will allow us to use our energy diplomatically to aid our allies

## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

By MELISSA HEALY  
Los Angeles Times

An experience of life-threatening horrors surely scars the person who survives it. It also may have a corrosive effect on the longevity and health of that person's children and, in some cases, on the well-being of generations beyond.

The latest evidence of trauma's long shadow comes from the families of American Civil War veterans. Focused on the children of Union soldiers who were held in Confederate prisoner of war camps, it offers tantalizing clues about the means by which a legacy of misery is transmitted from parent to child — as well as a way to disrupt that inheritance.

After tracing the births and deaths of nearly 10,000 offspring of Union combatants, researchers found that the sons of men who served time as POWs lived shorter lives than the sons of men who were not held captive. They also lived much shorter lives than their brothers who were born before the war began, according to a study published last week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

UCLA economic historian Dora L. Costa inherited stewardship of a trove of Civil War service documents in 2013 after the death of her mentor, Nobel laureate Robert William Fogel. She had always assumed the records would tell a story of how education, class and economic differences influenced the adjustment of former soldiers and their families back to civilian life.

"I was wrong," Costa said.

Instead, she found evidence to suggest that no matter how poor or prosperous his background, a father's extreme hardship and privation alter the function of his genes in ways that can be passed on to his children.

## Human suffering

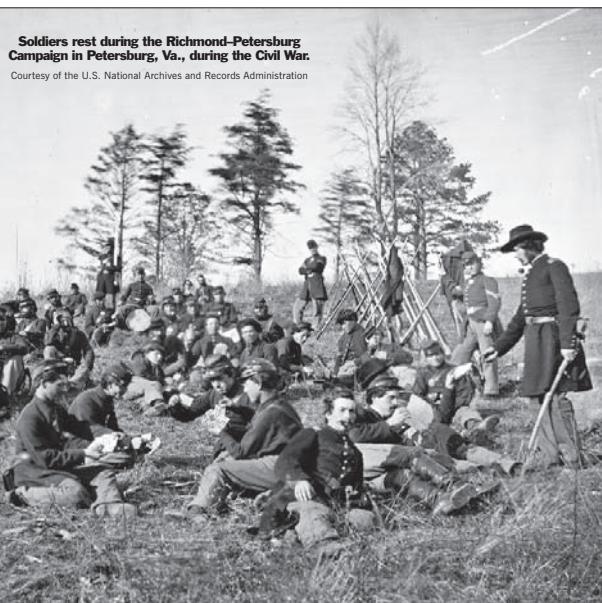
In the annals of organized human suffering, the POW camps of the latter half of the Civil War rank way up there. For the first two years of the conflict, the North and the South held informal POW swaps.

After the swaps ceased in 1863, desperation among Confederate commanders and indignation among leaders of the Union prompted both sides to deprive their prisoners of food, medicine, sanitation and shelter. As a result, hunger, overcrowding, cold and pestilence killed close to 16 percent of POWs from the North and 12 percent of POWs from the South.

The conditions at one of the most notorious Confederate prison camps — Andersonville in southwest Georgia — were particularly well-documented. Built for 10,000 people, Andersonville held more than 45,000 Union soldiers during the 14 months it operated, and 29 percent of them died of starvation and disease before they could be released. The camp's com-

# A LONG SHADOW

A look at what Civil War soldiers can teach us about how trauma is passed from generation to generation



Soldiers rest during the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign in Petersburg, Va., during the Civil War.

Courtesy of the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

**No matter how poor or prosperous his background, a father's extreme hardship alters the function of his genes in ways that can be passed on to his children, researchers say.**

mandant, Capt. Henry Wirz, was tried and hanged after the Confederate surrender in April 1865.

The fates of the survivors who staggered north to resume their lives as husbands and fathers were also well-documented. And like many large groups of trauma victims studied by researchers, these veterans and their children told a powerful story.

Drawing on thousands of handwritten military and pension records preserved in the National Archives and Records Administration, as well as on U.S. Census data from the era, Costa's team pieced together the fates of the children of Union soldiers who survived the war and lived at least until 1890.

The researchers identified offspring of 1,998 Union soldiers who were held as POWs — more than half of them at Anderson-

ville — before returning home. They also found the children of 7,810 Union soldiers who survived the war without being captured by the South.

## Stark differences

On average, Northern veterans who spent time in Confederate POW camps had 3.3 children, while those who avoided the camps had 3.1 children.

The differences between the two groups were stark — at least for the sons.

After reaching the age of 45 — old enough to see the effects of any inherited factors that might influence longevity — the sons of POWs were roughly 11 percent more likely to die at any given age than were the sons of men who had not been held prisoner.

In an even more telling comparison, the researchers turned

up 342 POWs who had at least one son conceived before the war began and at least one more born after the war ended. The researchers found that at any age after 45, the younger brothers were more than twice as likely to die than their older brothers had been when they were the same age. (With only 1,067 sons in this part of the analysis, the researchers said this finding should be interpreted with caution.)

The shorter life spans of the POWs' sons didn't become evident until they had reached what, in that period, would have been late middle age. Though death records were not uniformly detailed, these premature deaths were largely attributable to cerebral hemorrhages and cancer, the researchers reported.

The longevity gap remained after Costa and her colleagues accounted for a welter of so-

cioeconomic factors that might drive differences in life span, such as family real estate holdings and occupational class.

None of these patterns were evident among the daughters of the Union soldiers. That led the study authors to dismiss the idea that the psychological legacy of the POW camps could account for the differences. If a father's trauma resulted in family violence, paternal absence or emotional distance, the effects would likely be seen in daughters as well as sons, they reasoned. And they were right.

## A genetic actor

The fact that sons, but not daughters, appeared to have inherited some life-shortening bit of their father's misery does suggest that a genetic actor may be at work — one that is passed along with the Y chromosome, Costa said.

Epigenetics also might be at work here, she added. That's the chemical signaling process by which genes turn on and off in different tissues at different times, often in response to environmental factors like food supply. While epigenetic marks don't alter a person's genetic code, they can profoundly alter how that code is expressed. And they appear to powerfully influence the expression of genes that are passed on to a growing embryo.

Consider the evidence from a series of studies tracking several generations in the isolated Swedish community of Överkalix, Costa said. That research has linked parents' food availability to the midlife health of their children and grandchildren. Those studies' complex findings have shown that dietary abundance or scarcity at specific points in time exert sharply different influences on men and women and their progeny. They've also furnished evidence that dietary stress may transmit certain vulnerabilities to future generations through paternal DNA.

Other studies of traumatized groups have found evidence that the experience turns genes on and off in ways that are carried down to the next generation and beyond.

In the nine months before the Allies defeated the Nazis in May 1945, Germany blocked all food supplies to the Dutch and caused a famine that killed 20,000 people in the Netherlands.

Decades later, researchers would find that in middle age, the children of Dutch women who were pregnant during that period — daughters, especially — went on to suffer higher rates of heart disease, diabetes and schizophrenia. They also died earlier than their compatriots who were born before or after the famine. Six decades after the birth of the Dutch famine offspring still bore distinctive epigenetic signs of stress linked to poorer health.



## MIDEAST

# Saudis: Turkey evidence shows planned killing

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Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi prosecutors said Thursday that Turkish evidence shows the slaying of journalist Jamal Khashoggi was premeditated, another change in the shifting Saudi Arabian narrative of what happened to the writer who was killed in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

A statement from Saudi Attorney General Saud al-Mojeb attributed the conclusion about a calculated killing, one of the initial findings of a joint Turkish-Saudi investigation, to information from Turkish counterparts.

The evidence of Turkish investigators "indicates that the suspects in the incident had committed their act with a premeditated intention," al-Mojeb said.

While the Saudi prosecutor's office did not say specifically that its investigators reached the same conclusion, the statement seemed designed to acknowledge the legitimacy of evidence that allegations from Turkey that Khashoggi's killing was planned.

After the journalist disappeared, Saudi Arabia initially insisted Khashoggi had walked out of the consulate after visiting the building on Oct. 2. It later dropped that account for a new one, saying it had detained 18 people for what it described as an accidental killing during a "fistfight."

The kingdom has faced intensifying international pressure to be transparent about the death of Khashoggi, a columnist for The Washington Post who was a critic of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Many countries responded with skepticism to the version of a brawl involving Khashoggi and rogue officials, putting Saudi Arabia on the defensive.

Turkey is pushing the Saudi government to reveal exactly who ordered the killing, fueling suspicions that Mohammed was involved even though he con-

demned it as "heinous" at the Riyadh forum.

Also Thursday, Mohammed attended the first meeting of a committee aiming to restructure the kingdom's intelligence services after the killing of Khashoggi, the state-run Saudi Press Agency said.

The seemingly clumsy coverage of the killing was revealed to the world by Turkish leaks of information, security camera footage and, eventually, Saudi acknowledgments that Khashoggi died in the consulate. But Turkey wants more answers from Saudi Arabia, a regional rival that is also a source of investment.

"Jamal Khashoggi's body still hasn't been found. Where is it?" Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Thursday at a news conference with his Palestinian counterpart.

"There is a crime here, but there is also a humanitarian situation. The family wants to know and they want to perform their last duty," Cavusoglu said, referring to hopes for the writer's burial.

Turkish authorities briefly visiting CIA chief Gina Haspel on the investigation into the killing and the evidence collected so far, a Turkish security official who was not authorized to speak to the media said on condition of anonymity. The official could not confirm whether Haspel had listened to an alleged audio recording of the killing. Pro-government media in Turkey reported officials have such a recording, but its existence has not been confirmed.

On Thursday, conflicting reports surfaced about whether investigators had searched a wall in the garden of Saudi Arabia's consulate as part of their probe.

Investigators emptied the wall and are awaiting the results of an analysis of the water to determine whether body parts were dumped there, according to Yeni Safak, a pro-government Turkish newspaper.



SAUDI PRESS AGENCY/AP

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman addresses the Future Investment Initiative conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday.

## Saudi prince's message may not be enough to repair damage

By AYA BATRAWY  
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A defiant message delivered by Saudi Arabia's crown prince to investors gathered in Riyadh may not be enough to repair the damage inflicted by its global standing as he faces continued international pressure over the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Participants of the high-profile investment forum Thursday were taking stock of the outcome of his first public remarks on the killing, in which the crown prince appeared unwavering and fiery, calling it a "heinous" and "painful" act before warning anyone against trying to "manipulate" the crisis.

Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist who was critical of the crown prince, was killed Oct. 2 when he entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul by Saudi agents, including reportedly a member of the crown prince's entourage on trips abroad. The killing has marred Mohammed's standing, with critics suspecting he ordered the high-profile operation or at least knew about it.

On Thursday, Saudi Arabia said initial Turkish investigations revealed the killing was "premeditated." The acknowledgement comes after varying Saudi accounts of the incident, including initially saying that Khashoggi had walked out of their consulate alive.

Global outrage over the writer's disappearance saw more than 100 participants, including numerous CEOs of major U.S. corporations and Western officials, cancel their participation in the three-day investment forum, which concluded on Thursday.

Last year, the forum debuted with the crown prince vowing an international crowd of global business titans with his vision of reforming and modernizing Saudi Arabia both socially and economically.

The kingdom is seeking trillions of dollars in new investment to create millions of jobs for young Saudis entering the workforce.

David Hamod, president and CEO of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, was among the thousands inside the ornate hall Wednesday evening when Mohammed gave his remarks. He said the showing by the 33-year-old heir to the throne "was electrifying" and "lit up the hall."

"I believe it gave the Saudis a great deal of confidence, hearing what the crown prince had to say," Hamod said. "Hearing that, I think a lot of U.S. companies are still on pause. They're on a wait-and-see mode."

Rather than cancel their participation altogether, some companies sent mid-level executives to keep lines of communication and business open with Saudi Arabia.

Several participants in attendance from the U.S. declined to speak with The Associated Press at the forum, reflecting a general nervousness among the Americans in attendance.

Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, which Mohammed oversees, was the organizer of the event. Some of the Public Investment Fund's biggest partners — including the CEOs of U.S. private equity fund Blackstone and Japan's technology giant Softbank — were among those who backed out of the forum even as PIF has invested billions of dollars in both.

As Western companies pulled back, the summit drew support from Mohammed's allies across the region. Jordan's king, Dubai's ruler, Pakistan's prime minister and Bahrain's crown prince were among the heads of state who attended. Lebanon's premier, whose party is backed by Saudi Arabia, was also in attendance.

## Russia claims US led drones toward military base in Syria

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's deputy defense minister claimed Thursday that a U.S. military aircraft took control of 13 drones over Syria and attempted to have them attack a Russian military base there, but the drones were downed before they could reach their target.

Alexander Fomin said the

drones were heading toward Hemeimeem air base in Latakia province when a U.S. Boeing P-8 Poseidon flying over the Mediterranean "took control" of them. He didn't say who the drones belonged to or when the alleged incident happened.

Fomin, speaking at a security conference in Beijing in remarks carried by Russian news agencies, said the drones were de-

stroyed before they could reach the base.

There was no U.S. comment on the claim.

Fomin's comments marked the first time Moscow has directly accused the United States of coordinating an attack on Russian assets in Syria.

Asked about Fomin's statement, Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry

Peskov, said the information was "very troubling." He added that he "doesn't exclude" that Putin could raise the issue when he meets with President Donald Trump in Paris when they both attend Nov. 11 events marking 100 years since Armistice Day.

Russia has waged a military campaign in support of Syrian President Bashar Assad since September 2015, helping turn the

tide of the country's civil war in his favor. The Hemeimeem base has served as the main hub for Russian operations in Syria. It has come under repeated drone attacks launched by the rebels this year.

The Russian military has maintained a hotline with the U.S. to prevent clashes and other incidents between Russian and U.S. forces in Syria.

## WORLD

## Chinese paleontologist gains star status with dinosaur discoveries

By CHRISTINA LARSON  
Associated Press

YANJI, China — At the end of a street of newly built high-rises in the northern Chinese city of Yanji stands an exposed cliff face, where paleontologists scrape away 100 million-year-old rock in search of prehistoric bones.

Like many fossil excavation sites in China, this one was discovered by accident.

China's rapid city building has churned up a motherlode of dinosaur fossils. While bulldozers have unearthed prehistoric sites in many countries, the scale and speed of China's urbanization is unprecedented, according to the United Nations Development Program.

Perhaps no one has seized the scientific opportunity more than Xu Xing, a diligent and unassuming standard-bearer for China's new prominence in paleontology. The energetic researcher has named more dinosaur species than any living paleontologist, racing between dig sites to collect specimens and further scientists' understanding of how birds evolved from dinosaurs.

Matthew Lamanna, a curator at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, said Xu is "widely regarded as one of the foremost, if not the foremost, dinosaur paleontologist working in China today."

"Xu Xing is A-M-A-Z-I-N-G," Kristina Curry Rogers, a paleontologist at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., wrote in an email.

Two years ago, Xu's colleague at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, Jin Changzhu, was visiting family in Yanji when he heard talk of fossils uncovered at a construction site. A preliminary inspection revealed what appeared to be a dinosaur shoulder bone.

Less than an hour's drive from the North Korean border, the midsize city has been erecting residential blocks quickly. Seen from a plane, Yanji looks like a Legoland of new pink- and blue-roofed buildings, but there's one long empty lot of exposed rocky hillside — the excavation site.

When Xu arrived at Yanji, he recognized the site could fill gaps in the fossil record, noting the relative paucity of bones recovered from the late Cretaceous period, which was around 100 million years ago. An analysis of the layers of volcanic ash revealed the site's age. Xu is now overseeing a team of scientists using picks, chisels and steel needles to study the exposed hillside, where geologic layers resemble a red and gray layer-cake.

The site has yielded partial skeletons of three ancient crocodiles and one saur, and the giant plant-eating dinosaurs that included some of the world's largest land animals.

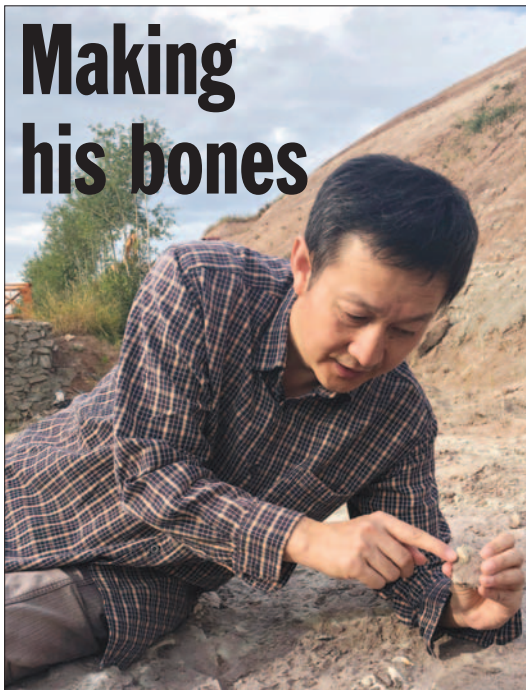
"This is a major feature of paleontology here in China — lots of construction really helps the scientists to find new fossils," said Xu as he used a needle to remove debris from a partially exposed crocodile skull.

Born in 1969 in China's western Xinjiang region, Xu did not choose to study dinosaurs. Like most university students of his era, he was assigned a major. His love for the field grew in graduate school in the 1990s, as feathered dinosaurs recovered from ancient Chinese lakebeds drew global attention.

When Xu and Jin discovered fossils in Yanji in 2016, city authorities halted construction on adjacent high-rise buildings, in accordance with a national law.

The developer was really not happy with Xu, said Xu, but the local government has since embraced its newfound

# Making his bones



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA LARSON/AP

**Above:** Paleontologist Xu Xing examines an ancient crocodile skull and teeth recovered from a dig site in Yanji, China, last month. **Below:** The excavation was begun after construction crews erecting new apartment buildings accidentally uncovered dinosaur bones and other fossils dating back 100 million years.



claim to fame.

The city is now facilitating Xu's work, and even built an on-site police station to guard the fossils from theft. Once the excavation is complete, a museum is planned to display recovered fossils and photos of Xu's team at work.

It's not the first museum to commemorate Xu, whose prodigious fieldwork has taken him across China and resulted in a flurry of articles in top scientific journals.

Toru Sekiyu, a paleontologist from the Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum in Japan who assisted on the Yanji dig, called his Chinese colleague "a superstar

paleontologist."

But Xu is quick to point out the role that good fortune has played in his career.

"To publish papers and discover new species, you need new data — you need new fossils," he said, adding that finding new species isn't something a scientist can plan.

"My experience tells me that you really need luck, besides your hard work. Then you can make some important discoveries."

With digs in Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Yunnan and other Chinese provinces, Xu patiently oversees excavations, sometimes

**“My experience tells me that you really need luck, besides your hard work. Then you can make some important discoveries.”**

**Xu Xing**  
paleontologist

chiseling for years before he knows their ultimate significance.

While his findings are wide-ranging, much of his career has focused on understanding how dinosaurs evolved into modern birds.

China is an ideal location for that study. Two decades ago, rare dinosaur fossils that preserved traces of feathers were found in ancient lakebeds of northeastern China. This discovery, which helped scientists demonstrate that birds descended from dinosaurs, was possible because the mixture of volcanic ash and fine-grained shale in the lakebeds had preserved bits of soft tissue, including feathers — unlike the majority of dinosaur fossils, which contain only bone.

Since then, a flood of new dinosaur bones unearthed in China has helped scientists rewrite their understanding of the tree of life in various ways.

Xu has been at the forefront of research into how dinosaurs evolved feathers and flight. In 2000, he described a curious pigeon-sized dinosaur with four feathered limbs, apparently early wings that allowed the animal to either fly or glide. In 2012, he detailed a carnivorous tyrannosaur, which also had plumage — raising questions about feathers' original purpose.

Xu now believes that early dinosaur plumage may have played a role in insulation and in mating displays, even before flight feathers evolved. He co-authored a 2010 paper that examined fossilized melanosomes — pigment packets that give rise to color in modern birds — to deduce the likely colors of dinosaur feathers. Some species likely sported rings of white and brown tail feathers; others had bright red plumage on their heads.

Embracing new technology, his team also uses CT scanners to study the interior of fossils and builds 3-D computer simulations to make inferences about what range of motion a dinosaur may have had.

One of the fossils Xu is now examining, found at a construction site in Jiangxi province, will shed light on how modern birds' reproductive systems evolved from dinosaurs, he says.

In addition to professional accolades, Xu's work has attracted attention from schoolchildren in multiple countries, who mail him handwritten notes and crayon drawings of dinosaurs, several of which hang in his Beijing office.

Xu replies to every letter, email and text message with a question about dinosaurs. "I feel it would be weird or impolite not to," he said. But in an era of social media, Xu has refrained from signing up for WeChat, the dominant messaging platform in China, because "I don't think I could find time for all the new messages."

Back at the site in Yanji, a colleague brings him a large rock with an exposed saurpoid vertebrae to examine.

The bone has a spongey texture, which Xu says is a result of the animal's respiratory system. Like modern birds, he believes saurpoids breathed using both lungs and distributed air sacs, which can leave an impression in the bones.

Xu uses a brush to flick away dirt to inspect the fossil more closely.

"Basically we are reconstructing the evolutionary tree of life," he said. "If you have more species to study, you have more branches on that tree, more information about the history of life on Earth."

## WORLD

# Airstrike in Yemen kills at least 21 civilians

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — A Saudi-led coalition airstrike at a fruit-and-vegetable market near Yemen's flashpoint Red Sea port of Hodeida killed at least 21 civilians, including children, the U.N. humanitarian aid agency said Thursday.

Wednesday's attack came amid mounting fears of a fresh coalition assault on Hodeida — a city that has been the lifeline for international aid deliveries to Yemen, ravaged by a brutal 3½-year war between the Saudi-led alliance and Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

The coalition has been trying to wrest Hodeida from the Iran-backed rebels but the campaign,

like the rest of Yemen's war, had fallen into a stalemate.

The airstrike, which hit a vegetable packaging facility in the town of Bayt el-Faqih, just south of Hodeida, also wounded 10 people. Initial reports had five dead but the death toll steadily climbed overnight.

The director of the Bayt el-Faqih hospital, Abdullah Shihawi, said all the victims were civilians and that at least two children were among the dead.

In the capital, Sanaa, the rebel-run Al Masirah TV reported a lower casualty figure, saying at least 20 people died and 10 were wounded. The different death tolls could not immediately be resolved.

Also on Wednesday, three more people were killed and six injured when strikes hit three vehicles on July 7 road in Al Hali District in Hodeida province, the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in a statement Thursday.

"Civilians are paying a shocking price because of this conflict," said U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen Lise Grande. "This is the third time this month that fighting has caused mass casualties in Hodeida."

Video footage obtained by The Associated Press showed the aftermath of the strike, with body parts lying scattered across the market and coffins lined up in the hospital. The video could not be independently confirmed but it

corresponded to events reported by the AP. A spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition did not respond to multiple phone calls and messages seeking comment.

Journalists have been barred from visiting rebel-held areas in Hodeida, including where Wednesday's airstrike took place. Yemeni security officials confirmed the strike but didn't know what the intended target was.

It's not uncommon for coalition jets to hit civilians and wedding parties, funerals, residential homes and hospitals have been bombed in the past.

In August, an airstrike hit a bus carrying children on their way to school in northern Yemen, killing more than 40.

The growing number of civil-

ian casualties in the war has prompted right groups to call for the suspension of the multibillion-dollar U.S. and European arms sales to Saudi Arabia, for decades among the world's largest buyers of weapons.

Save the Children said Thursday the cost of basic food items such as flour, rice, salt, sugar and cooking oil has nearly doubled since the conflict erupted in March 2015.

The average income in Yemen has more than halved, meanwhile, falling to just \$3.39 a day. The organization also said that 52 percent of the population lives under the international poverty line — up from 30 percent in 2014.



ROMAN PILIPEY, POOL PHOTO/AP

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, right, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shake hands during their meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Thursday.

## Japan, China aim to mend ties

By KEN MORITSUGU  
Associated Press

BEIJING — It's taken nearly seven years, but a Japanese leader is making an official visit to China for bilateral talks for the first time since late 2011.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrived in Beijing on Thursday as both countries try to repair ties that have been riven by disputes over territory, military expansion in the Pacific and World War II history.

Abe met with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang ahead of a Friday summit with China's top leader, President Xi Jinping. He is scheduled to return to Japan on Saturday.

A delegation of Japanese business leaders is accompanying Abe as Asia's two largest economies seek to deepen trade, investment and cooperation on infrastructure and other projects in third countries. China is Japan's largest trade partner.

Abe said he would stress the importance of strengthening a free and fair trading system. Japan shares U.S. concerns about Chinese trade practices but favors dialogue with Beijing over Presi-

dent Donald Trump's tariff strategy. Japan has been targeted by U.S. tariffs too, though much less so than China.

High-level exchanges were frozen in 2012 after Japan nationalized a small group of remote islands claimed by Beijing. That set off violent protests in China and sent Japanese investment in China and tourism into a nosedive. Chinese coast guard vessels continue to make regular incursions into Japanese waters around the islands.

The territorial dispute is in part a reflection of growing tension in the Pacific as an expanding Chinese navy sails into waters long dominated by the U.S. Navy. Japan is a major U.S. ally and hosts a major American naval base. Abe has steadily raised defense spending since taking office in late 2012 in the face of growing concern about potential threats from both China and North Korea.

A recent improvement in relations was marked by a visit to Japan in May by Li, the ruling Communist Party's second-ranking official. Xi is expected to visit Japan next year.

## Russian rocket launches successfully

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Russian Soyuz rocket has put a military satellite in orbit, its first successful launch since a similar rocket recently failed to deliver a crew to the International Space Station.

The Russian military said a Soyuz-2 booster rocket lifted off

from the Plesetsk launch facility in northern Russia on Thursday.

A Soyuz-FG rocket carrying NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos' Alexei Ovchinnikov failed two minutes into the flight on Oct. 11, sending their emergency capsule into a sharp fall back to Earth. The crew landed safely, but

Russia had suspended all Soyuz launches pending a probe.

Investigators have linked the failure to an element jettisoning one of its four side boosters from the main stage that apparently had been damaged during the rocket's final assembly on the cosmodrome.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Winter's in full swing atop Mount Washington

**NH** PINKHAM NOTCH — The calendar says winter's about two months away, but it's in full swing atop Mount Washington, the highest peak in northeastern United States.

The Mount Washington Observatory posted Wednesday morning on Facebook that it got 18 inches of snow, with drifts as high as 6 feet.

Night observer Ryan Knapp found snow depths ranging from knee- to waist-deep. He dug a path to get to some of the observatory's instruments.

After getting off to a slow start for October snowfall, the summit has surpassed the 17.6 inches of average snowfall for the month.

## Call to wrong number delivers rescue ride

**NE** COLUMBUS — A freaky phone call to a wrong number in eastern Nebraska delivered just what a man in pain needed: a ride to a hospital.

Lisa Nagengast said the Jimmy John's driver rescued her brother, Greg Holeman, on Saturday night after he called her just as she arrived at the Tampa, Fla., airport. She'd been in Columbus to help Holeman after spinal fusion surgery.

She tried to call his Department of Veterans Affairs social worker but misdialed and reached the Jimmy John's night manager in Columbus, Jason Voss. Nagengast said she apologized, but Voss said he could help and soon talked to his driver, Zach Hillmer, who went to Holeman's residence and then took him to Columbus Community Hospital.

## City reverses course on clown costume ban

**MI** OAK PARK — A Detroit suburb has reversed course after its plan to ban clown costumes from an annual Halloween event to avoid potentially scaring children drew criticism.

The city of Oak Park posted a press release on its Facebook page Tuesday saying the city won't ban clown costumes or other costumes from the Oct. 31 "Halloween Boo Bash."

Officials instead are "encouraging parents to use their best judgment" about costumes for the family-friendly event, which includes trick-or-treating, music and a magic show.

## Hunt for rogue rodent continues on island

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Conservation officials are on high alert after a rodent has continued to evade capture on a small, previously uninhabited island off the coast of western Alaska.

Alaska's Energy Desk reported the Ecosystem Conservation Office for the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island has changed tactics and brought in a team of rat eradication experts after the rodent has been on the loose since early September.

Lauren Divine, of the conserva-

## THE CENSUS

# \$100K

The estimated worth of rare gems and gold jewelry stolen from Emerald Hollow Mine in Hiddenite, N.C. Owner Jason Martin told The Charlotte Observer the lapidary, where gems are cut and polished, was hit hardest. Martin said rare examples of hiddenite, a green gem "found nowhere else in the world" were taken. The most expensive loss was a \$26,000 emerald pendant set with diamonds.



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

## Time for a checkup

Lakeland Parks and Recreation Department workers, from left, Amy Harrison, Michael Marotz and David Lambert, hold swans while waiting for them to have veterinary exams on Lake Morton in Lakeland, Fla., on Wednesday. In the 32nd annual roundup the swans were caught on the lake and placed in holding pens so they can be given checkups, which include inoculations and wellness exams.

tion office, said they have added traps, changed bait and installed game cameras to bolster prevention measures.

Divine said rats threaten the island's sensitive habitat. She said the rodents "would devastate the seabirds and would change wildlife life."

## Officers free deer trapped by hammock

**NY** YONKERS — Yonkers police officers gave a helping hand to a deer that somehow became entangled in a make-shift hammock.

Video posted by the Yonkers Police Department shows the large deer caught up in the hammock behind a local residence — desperately trying to free itself from the ropes that entangled its antlers. The video shows Yonkers Emergency Service Unit officers Matt Donaldson and Dave MacDonald tranquilizing the animal and cutting it free from the hammock.

## Bonsai tree raised for decades stolen

**HI** PAHOA — Hawaii police are trying to find a rare bonsai tree that was stolen from a nursery owner who says he spent

nearby 60 years caring for it.

The tree was taken in September from a nursery owned by David Fukumoto in the Big Island community of Mountain View.

Fukumoto, 78, said it was his first bonsai tree.

Police asked the public for help Tuesday because they've exhausted their leads. They said the person who took the tree must have been familiar with it and known its value.

## Video shows woman confronting family

**VA** LOVETTSVILLE — A woman was captured on video yelling obscenities and "Show me your passports" to a family speaking Spanish at a Virginia restaurant.

The Washington Post reported that the incident happened on Oct. 17 at Andy's, a restaurant in the small northern Virginia town of Lovettsville.

The woman, who is white, can be heard saying, "Go back to your (expletive) country," and "Don't freeload on America."

A Loudoun County Sheriff's Office spokesman said the woman left at the request of the restaurant manager. He said no charges are pending.

## Recovered stolen car swiped from cop station

**IL** CHICAGO — A stolen Chicago auto was recovered by Chicago police and parked near a district police station, where it was stolen again.

The 1999 Toyota Camry belonging to Brian Jackson remained missing, and now Jackson and his father say they want to know what happened.

The Chicago Tribune reported the car was stolen Oct. 3.

A police officer spotted the car Oct. 7. The driver, Alfredo Viramontes, was arrested for a false registration tag and driving without insurance.

Officer Laura Amezcua confirmed the car disappeared after it was parked outside the Englewood Police Station to await a tow.

## Bird lovers oppose stray cat ordinance

**KS** WICHITA — Wichita bird lovers were accusing a city board of feral cat favoritism over a proposed ordinance that aimed to make it easier to be a stray feline.

The Wichita Eagle reported that the Animal Control Advisory Board proposed an ordinance to set policies allowing Wichita

residents to establish and care for colonies of stray and feral cats at their homes and businesses. The cats would be trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and released back into the community to a caregiver.

Wichita Audubon Society President Tom Ewert told the board last week that the ordinance would be bad for birds.

The board is expected to finalize the proposal Nov. 28.

## Hurricane Michael unearths shipwrecks

**FL** DOG ISLAND — Hurricane Michael's deadly storm surge unearthed shipwrecks caused by another hurricane — in 1899.

The Tallahassee Democrat reported it's unclear which of the 15 ships, or how many, that grounded on the Franklin County barrier island during the storm 119 years ago were exposed by Michael.

Facing the Gulf of Mexico, the wooden ships now rest in plain view near the west end of Dog Island.

The 1899 hurricane crossed over the Florida Keys into the Gulf of Mexico where it strengthened into what would be classified today as a Category 2 storm.

From wire reports



# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Buckle up: Wall Street volatility returns

By MARLEY JAY  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the market.

If you're an investor who was lulled to sleep by the stock market's calm, steady gains last summer, you're wide awake by now. Stocks have swooned over the last three weeks as investors worried about a sea of troubles, including rising interest rates and the trade tensions between the U.S. and China. Both could impair profit growth for U.S. companies.

The S&P 500 index has plunged 9.4 percent in just three weeks, with two separate six-day losing streaks. It hadn't had a streak of

losses that long since November of 2016. With five trading days left in October, the index is on track for its worst month in a decade.

Another loss Thursday will likely push the index into what Wall Street calls a "correction" — a drop of 10 percent or more from the latest high.

For market favorites like technology and consumer-focused companies it's been even worse. As of Wednesday's close, five of the six most valuable U.S. companies had suffered a correction. Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet, Berkshire Hathaway and Facebook are all down sharply from their recent highs, although some of those declines began last summer.

The VIX, an index called Wall Street's "fear gauge" because it measures how much volatility traders expect, is the highest it's been since February.

The current skid for stocks is the third big swoon for the markets this year. The first was a dramatic downturn in late January and early February, when the S&P 500 lost 10 percent in just nine days as worries about a sharp slowdown in China's economic growth rattled markets around the world. That was followed by a less severe stumble in March.

But more recently stocks had been placid. Between late June and early October, the market didn't rise or fall as much as 1

percent in a single day. That was similar to the gains stocks made in 2017, when the market drifted higher gradually and finished up 19.4 percent.

Soaring corporate profits, fueled by sweeping corporate tax cuts, powered the market's recovery last spring and summer. S&P 500 companies delivered second-quarter earnings growth of 25.2 percent, well ahead of forecasts. That helped send the S&P 500 to a new all-time high in September, erasing the losses from its "correction" in February.

But now doubts are emerging that a similar surge in earnings growth will rally markets out of their latest skid.

Companies began reporting

their results for the third quarter last week. And while earnings growth for S&P 500 companies is expected to be around 22 percent, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence, some companies are painting a less-than-rosy outlook.

Several big companies, including AT&T and United Parcel Service, have reported earnings or revenue this week that fell short of expectations. And some company executives are warning of rising costs related to the U.S.-China tariffs and inflation.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 26)	\$1.1726
Dollar buys (Oct. 26)	€0.8528
British pound (Oct. 26)	£1.33
Japanese yen (Oct. 26)	¥110.00
South Korean won (Oct. 26)	₩1,111.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	£1.2844
Canada (Dollar)	1.3075
China (Yuan)	6.9478
Denmark (Krone)	6.553
Egypt (Pound)	6.8955
Euro	\$1.1381/0.8787
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8398
Hungary (Forint)	284.54
Israel (Shekel)	3.6960
Japan (Yen)	112.47
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3037
Norway (Krone)	8.3257
Philippines (Peso)	53.66
Poland (Zloty)	3.79
Saudi (Riyal)	3.7523
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3800
South Korea (Won)	1,135.81
Sri Lanka (Rupee)	1,0013
Thailand (Baht)	32.92
Turkey (Lira)	6.5513

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federals funds market rate	2.00
3-month bill	2.29
30-year bond	3.34

# Tesla delivers on Musk's third-quarter profit pledge

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Tesla Motors delivered on CEO Elon Musk's promise to make money during its latest quarter after fulfilling its pledge to boost production of its first electric car designed for the mass market.

The company earned \$311.5 million during the three months ending in September, swinging from a loss of \$619 million at the same time last year. It's only the third time that Tesla has posted a quarterly profit in its eight-year history as a public company and the first time in two years. A big jump in Tesla's output of its mass-market Model 3 car powered the breakthrough. The manufacturing increase and moneymaking quarter are two things Musk promised would happen in early August.

Revenue more than doubled from last year to \$6.8 billion to easily top analyst estimates, just as the profit did. Tesla's stock soared 13 percent to \$326.12 after the numbers came in. In a conference call with analysts late Wednesday, Musk predicted Tesla would remain profitable.

"This quarter was an important step toward that," Musk said after getting choked up talking about the support that Tesla's customers have shown the company. "I am incredibly excited about what lies ahead."

If nothing else, the third-quarter performance should help restore some of the credibility that Musk lost after he followed up the bold profit prediction he made in August with a

startling tweet informing the world that he had secured financing to pull off a buyout of Tesla.

Musk later abandoned his plan and the Securities and Exchange Commission subsequently filed a lawsuit alleging that he had misled investors because he was never close to lining up the estimated \$25 billion to \$50 billion that it would have taken to pull off the deal he envisioned.

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Change in price	-3.0 cents	—	—	-2.0 cents
South Korea	\$2.909	—	\$3.529	\$3.449
Change in price	-4.0 cents	—	-3.0 cents	-1.0 cents
Guam	\$2.909	\$3.289**	\$3.529	—
Change in price	-4.0 cents	-3.0 cents	-2.0 cents	—

Prices for Europe were not available at press time.

\* Diesel EFD \*\* Midgrade  
For the week of Oct. 27-Nov. 2

## MARKET WATCH

	Oct. 24, 2018
Dow Jones Industrials	-508.01
	24,583.42
Nasdaq composite	-329.14
	7,108.40
Standard & Poor's 500	-84.59
	2,656.10
Russell 2000	-57.89
	1,468.70

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

# WEEKEND

## Rhett here, Rhett now

Thomas Rhett knows better than most how to make it big in mainstream country music. He decided to choose his own path to superstardom anyway.

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## WEEKEND: GADGETS &amp; TECH



BASE HOLOGRAM PRODUCTIONS/TNS

The Roy Orbison hologram brings an image of the singer to life in the "In Dreams" traveling show.

## New tech expanding decades-old concept

By BOB STRAUSS  
The Mercury News

Everyone, like Ronald Reagan, Ronnie James Dio and Maria Callas, seems to be coming back to life these days.

The relatively new field of digital holograms is creating concerts and other presentations featuring moving, speaking and (up to now, anyway) dead celebrities. And exciting show business people.

"In the live space, there hasn't been a quote-unquote new form of entertainment in hundreds of years," said Martin Tudor, CEO of BASE Hologram Productions. "It's always been your typical concert, play or musical or opera. One of the things that excited us is that there's something new and fresh here that we can bring to market."

Those aren't your daddy's holograms, however — in the classical sense of 3-D photographic images made with lasers — at the recently installed exhibit of the 40th presidential moving and talking at the Reagan Presidential Library or the "Pretty Woman" singer in the traveling show "In Dreams: Roy Orbison in Concert."

They're actually more a combination of computer animation and visual tricks that date back to the 19th century; lasers are involved only if the final, composited images are displayed through a laser projector.

"The holograms that you're seeing, as far as Tupac and Michael Jackson, Ronnie James Dio and Ronald Reagan, actually use a technique called Pepper's ghost," said Chad Finnelly, co-owner and VFX supervisor of Marina Del Rey, Calif.-based Digital Frontier FX, which made the Dio and Reagan holograms. "It's not really a true, three-dimensional hologram; it's more of an illusion."

First demonstrated by English scientist John Henry Pepper in 1862, the Pepper's ghost technique has been used in such things as teleprompters and the ghosts you see in Disneyland's Haunted Mansion ride.

"The way it works is, there's an image bounced onto a see-through sheet of plastic that's called a foil," Finnelly said. "That's how the image appears to be standing by itself onstage. You can see right through it, you can put lighting and props behind it so it appears that this person is part of the environment. So it's an illusion; it really is a magic trick."

Over at BASE Hologram, which created the Orbison and Callas shows, Tudor says he is working on one depicting Amy Winehouse, the

process is elaborate. Because the star's image will move around and interact on a stage with otherwise live musicians, the body doubles rehearse for weeks (12 in the Callas actor's case) before they're recorded.

Epson laser projectors throw the hologram image onstage at a super-bright 25,000 lumens. And although he couldn't go into detail about the proprietary technology that makes the hologram visible, BASE's Tudor confirmed that it was not bouncing off clear plastic sheeting.

"All I can say is that a good magician never gives away his tricks," said Tudor.

"It's one of our favorite challenges to recreate a human likeness," Finnelly said. "It's probably one of the most difficult tasks that we can do, too. We do everything from animate creatures to zombies for 'The Walking Dead.' We do all sorts of things, but it's a lot easier to make a zombie than it is to make a political figure stand on stage or a rock legend give a concert. It's got to look absolutely real, and everyone knows what a human looks like — especially when the human has been seen many times by many people."

Tudor is scrupulous about working with his shows' subjects' estates and/or survivors in a co-operative manner, and never making a hologram do something the artist would not have done. He also made it clear that the shows are promoted as hologram performances, not actual resurrections or anything.

"I have a deep respect for how artists are perceived, and what they want and don't want to happen," Tudor said. "The only way I would do this is with the guidance of the estate, because I want it to be authentic. Look, I could have made the (notoriously static performer) Roy Orbison do backflips across the stage if I wanted to, or I could have Maria Callas sing an Eminem rap song. But would they ever do that? No."

Tudor said the Orbison show met box office expectations and that the Callas one has already sold out two upcoming Paris dates. He admitted that the holograms have a slightly translucent, ethereal quality, but added that there's anecdotal evidence that audiences' eyes quickly adjust.

"The response in Europe was extraordinary," he said regarding the Orbison show. "The audiences really took to it, and I'm told that after 10 minutes, though you psychologically know that that's not a real person up there, after awhile your brain just begins to accept it."

"Audiences sing along with Roy Orbison, they dance in the aisles, they applaud after the songs," Tudor said. "They're right there. They're in it."

## GADGET WATCH

## Heart rate monitor a good fit for fitness enthusiasts

By GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

When it comes to your health, everything is important, but your heart has to be on top of the list.

The Scosche Rhythm24 waterproof armband heart rate monitor features technology with green and yellow optical sensors, which provide accurate measurements to help people maximize their workouts.

Outdoor and fitness enthusiasts will love the precision biometrics, which monitors your heart. Five modes are for running, cycling, swimming, heart-rate only and heart-rate variability. Multi-modes include duathlon and triathlon.

It has a 24-hour battery life with an onboard 3 LED light battery indicator and works with most smartphones or tablets to relay the recorded information.

Bluetooth sends the recorded health data to smartphones or tablets. According to Scosche, it's compatible with more than 200 of the most popular fitness apps, such as RunKeeper, Map My Fitness, Strava and fitness apps that support Bluetooth Smart.

The Scosche rhythm sync app displays your heart rate and battery level and alerts you of software and firmware updates. HealthKit integration helps store your heart rate data.

You can have the data relayed wirelessly while keeping your mobile device up to 100 feet away.

Other features include five heart rate zone indications and onboard memory with up to 13 hours of training time.

The armband is worn on the upper end of your arm, just below the elbow with a quick-locking armband. You have choices of black, blue, gray, green, pink, purple and teal for the interchangeable armband. With the Rhythm24, there's no need for chest straps.

The waterproof rating



SCOSCHE/TNS

of IP68 certified allows the Rhythm24 to remain on you for showers and swims. Just don't take it deeper than 10 feet.

Online: Scosche.com; \$99.99 for the Rhythm24; Extra armbands, \$14.99 each

Cave Tools has launched three new products for grilling enthusiasts.

**The Marinade Meat Injector kit** (\$21.99) makes adding flavor to meat as simple as giving it a shot. It's made with rustproof 304 stainless steel and includes three marinade needles for injecting flavor into your grilling choices including chicken, turkey, beef, pork and brisket.

With the marinade needles, your choices are a large 6-inch, a 12 hole 6-inch (for liquid marinades) and a 3-inch precision-tip needle for smaller meats.

The barrel has airtight suction and an easy release of up to 2.3 ounces of marinade. On the side is a clear plastic measurement window, which is great to not only know how much is left but to also help portion the marinade injections.

**The one-size-fits-all BBQ Grilling Glove oven mitts** (\$24.99) are made with aramid kevlar and silicone on the outside and are heat resistant up to 662 degrees Fahrenheit, so you should be safe from burning your hands. Extended cuffs are built on the gloves to protect your forearms.

A poly cotton inner liner makes them a comfortable fit, and when they need a cleaning, warm water will do the trick or put them in the washing machine.

When the gloves are on, you have full flexibility for removing pots, pans or meats from the grill safely and burn-free.

**Box** (\$17.99) works with any smoker or grill for adding a smoky flavor to any meat and meal. It's also built with rust-free 304 stainless steel and has a horizontal design for evenly distributing the smoky flavor. It lasts for eight hours before a refill of new wood pellets is needed.

Like all Cave Tool grilling products, you get 25 professional barbecue recipes free, which include step-by-step instructions and detailed grilling and BBQ videos. Cave Tools also offers a lifetime satisfaction guarantee, which will allow a return for a full money-back refund.

Online: cavetools.com

**The BBQ Grilling Glove oven mitts from Cave Tools can handle the heat — up to 662 degrees Fahrenheit.**



## WEEKEND

# CHECK IT OUT

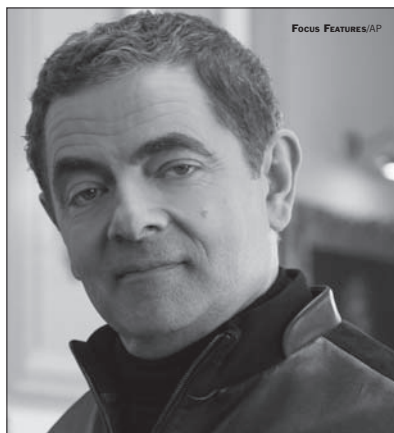
## Events, entertainment and other ways to fill your free time

# 1

### Government crises in action, comedy films

Whether deadly serious action or spoofy comedy is your thing, new movie releases have you covered this week. "Hunter Killer" follows an untested submarine captain (Gerard Butler) who teams with Navy SEALs to rescue the Russian president. In "Johnny English strikes again," Rowan Atkinson stars as a generally inept British spy called into service as a last resort.

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# 2



### Comedians have fun with 'Halloween' villain

Late-night comedians enjoy Halloween, just like almost everybody else. This year, with a new "Halloween" movie in theaters, iconic villain Michael Myers is the obvious subject for jokes. Jimmy Kimmel thought it would be funny to set up a Halloween picture shoot (like malls do with Santa Claus) and record the kids' reactions. James Corden released a segment called "Making a 'Halloween' Murder," in which Myers' crimes are humorously re-examined through the lens of the documentary television series.

- Watch Kimmel at [tinyurl.com/y6vmsdj4](https://tinyurl.com/y6vmsdj4).
- Watch Corden at [tinyurl.com/y9dlssyn](https://tinyurl.com/y9dlssyn).

# 3



### Trio of memoirs offers humor, distraction

As we move into colder, darker days, a little splash of warmth and candor from funny famous ladies can provide a pick-me-up. Three new celebrity memoirs give us insight into the lives and minds of podcaster and comedian Phoebe Robinson, actress and Instagrammer Busy Philipps and actress Ellie Kemper. If you'd like to know Robinson's actor crush, various traumatic experiences from Philipps' past or Kemper's explanation of what the vomit mixture was in the movie "Bridesmaids," these celebrities spill those beans and many more.

• **Read more on Page 38.**

# 4



### Celebs celebrate 15 years of 'Wicked'

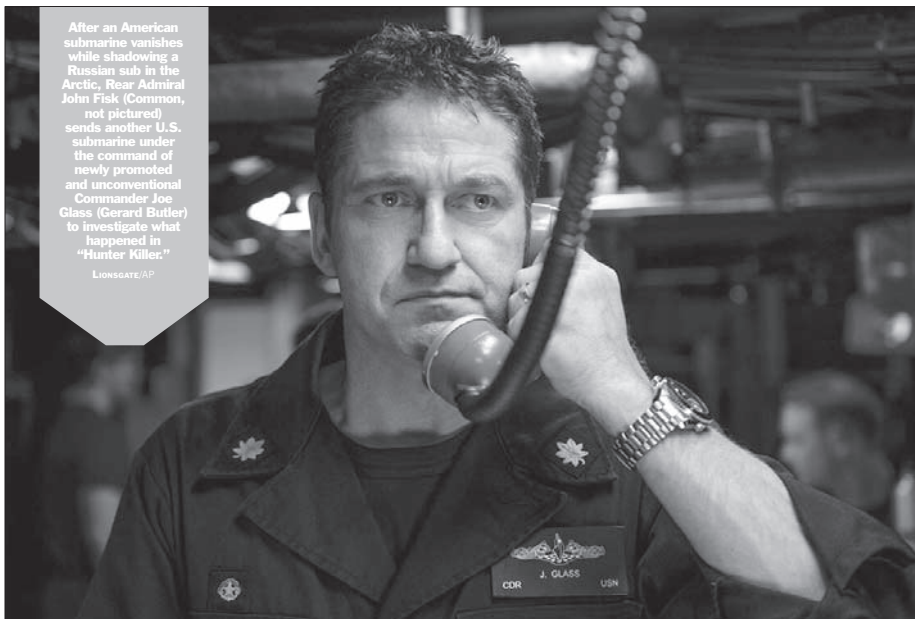
An alert for lovers of musicals: "Wicked" has been a thing for 15 years now! (The rest of you can check your local AFN listings for the season premieres of "Jersey Shore" and "Ink Master," among other options.) Halloween seems like a great time to celebrate "Wicked," which puts a different spin on Oz's Wicked Witch of the West story. Original cast members Kristin Chenoweth and Idina Menzel will perform and host. Guests include Ariana Grande (pictured), Adam Lambert, Ledisi, Pentatonix and the show's current cast.

• **'A Very Wicked Halloween' airs Wednesday on AFN-Prime.**

## WEEKEND: MOVIES

After an American submarine vanishes while shadowing a Russian sub in the Arctic, Rear Admiral John Fisk (Common, not pictured) sends another U.S. submarine under the command of newly promoted and unconventional Commander Joe Glass (Gerard Butler) to investigate what happened in "Hunter Killer."

LIONSGATE/AP



# 'Hunter Killer' has Pearl Harbor ties

Gerard Butler film used Hawaii-based vessels for research, exterior shots

By WILLIAM COLE

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser

**"H**unter Killer," a post-Cold War submarine and Navy SEAL command action thriller coming out Oct. 26, dives deep with Pearl Harbor's "silent service" submariner community.

Scottish actor Gerard Butler — most famous for his role in "300" — plays Capt. Joe Glass, an American submarine captain on a hunt in the Arctic for a U.S. sub in distress when he also discovers that a secret Russian coup is in play.

"With crew and country on the line, Capt. Glass must now assemble an elite group of Navy SEALs to rescue the kidnapped Russian president and sneak through enemy waters to stop (World War III)," the film's website states.

At an unusual Pentagon news conference on Monday — showing the movie's close ties with the U.S. Navy — Butler fielded questions with Vice Adm. Fritz Roegge, the former commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet submarine force at Pearl Harbor.

Butler noted how he went out for three days on the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Houston out of Pearl Harbor on a familiarization cruise, getting an eyeful of life beneath the waves.

The movie features the USS Arkansas, a newer Virginia-class attack submarine not yet built, but Pearl Harbor's USS Texas is the body double in the film, the Navy said.

About 17 subs, including six of the Virginia class, are homeported in Pearl Harbor.

Butler told the Pentagon press corps that "Hunter Killer" was "a chance to bring the submarine genre into the 21st century (along with) the submarine culture, and go into these new style of subs and go down and really see how these people think, work, their courage, their intelligence."



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

Gerard Butler, left, and Vice Admiral Frederick "Fritz" J. Roegge of the U.S. Navy attend the world premiere of "Hunter Killer" at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York on Oct. 22.

He was given access to many of the unclassified functions on the Houston — which has since been decommissioned — an experience he likened to being in "another world."

"I felt like I could spend a year just in sonar, trying to pick up what it is they do," Butler said. The

three days spent under water gave him a greater appreciation "for what these people do every day, unsung and unseen."

When on a submarine, "you realize the dangers, because you are there and you are 1,000 feet under water, and you go, 'OK, what are the different ways things can go wrong?'" Butler said.

During a deep dive, Butler realized that he and others were leaning backward in relation to the interior of the submarine, and the idea was born that perhaps filmmakers could put the submarine set on a giant gimbal.

"So we ended up with a 15-, 17-ton set with 40 actors and crew and all the camera equipment basically working on this hydraulic platform," he said. The Navy said the set was in Bulgaria.

During action sequences with torpedoes underway or avoiding depth charges, "the sub could move, and we didn't have to do the 'Star Trek' thing," Butler said to laughs while pretending to be jostled.

Cmdr. Corey Barker, a spokesman for the Pacific Fleet submarine force, said Butler went out on the Houston about a year and a half ago.

"All of the exterior that you see of the submarine on the surface — the actual footage, not the (computer generated) stuff — was USS Texas" shot off the coast of Oahu, Barker said.

Damage-control scenes also were filmed on the USS Texas and in a trainer on Ford Island, in some cases using sailors from the submarine, he said.

Butler said the film is largely about submariners. "So you can have fun with the gadgetry and the weapons systems and the platforms," he said. "But at the end of the day, it's about the people operating them and how they have to think creatively and innovatively and courageously and how they have to kind of hold onto that bedrock of steadiness and honor in the most incredibly tense, dangerous situations."

## WEEKEND: MOVIES

## ‘Hunter Killer’ full of military action stereotypes

By KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

**T**hink of every military action movie cliché you can. The maverick hero who's just an average guy. The uptight rule-following second-in-command who learns a good lesson. The token concerned woman who has one line. Enemies who aren't so different after all. So many of these hackneyed stereotypes are thrown at the Gerard Butler-starring Navy thriller “Hunter Killer” that you have to wonder if this is the “Scary Movie” of submarine movies. Directed by Donovan Marsh, and with an army of action producers behind it, “Hunter Killer” is just this side of a parody. But there's so much fun to be had with formula, and if you aren't taking “Hunter Killer” all too seriously, the film is a hoot, even if that's not exactly what the filmmakers were going for.

Based on the novel “Firing Point” by George Wallace and Don Keith, adapted by Arne L. Schmidt and Jamie Moss, the plot concerns an underwater dogfight in the Barents Sea that's keeping World War III at bay, while on the surface, a coup d'état is unfolding at the Polyarny base in Russia. When the USS Tampa Bay goes down with 110 sailors, the target of a Russian torpedo, Captain Joe Glass (Butler), is yanked out of the Scottish highlands, where he's bow hunting moose (naturally). He's plopped at the helm of a “hunter killer” sub, the USS Arkansas, to figure out just what is going on in Kola Bay.



LIONSGATE/AP

Michael Nyqvist, left, and Gerard Butler star in the action thriller “Hunter Killer.”

If there's a playbook, no one's following it. Joe Glass, well, he's not a regular captain; he's a cool captain. “XO, would you rather be right or to be alive?” he asks his executive officer (Carter MacIntyre), who sputters every time Glass goes rogue, picking up a few Russian sailors from their sunken sub and piloting the Arkansas into a treacherous fjord littered with mines and sensors with the help of Russian captain Andropov (Michael Nyqvist).

In “Hunter Killer,” military loyalty is a higher order that takes precedence over any politicking, and Joe needs to trust in that combat-forged code. Literally everyone's going rogue, including the Russian defense minister Durov (Michael Gory), who usurps the handsome but very dumb Russian President Zakarin (Alexander Diachenko), not to mention the U.S. Department of Defense and the NSA, headed up by Rear Admiral Fisk

(Common) and Jayne Nordquist (Linda Cardellini) respectively. They cook up a harebrained scheme for a special forces unit to extract Zakarin and get him on the sub. Gary Oldman, making an appearance as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, is positively apoplectic.

Despite the action movie camp, this is one of Gerard Butler's more sedate performances of late, and coupled with his recent Pentagon press conference, it's clear he and the filmmakers did their due diligence when it comes to research about sub life. The script is rife with naval details, lingo and tech that serve the narrative. Sonar pings become the signature cinematic representation of the threats that loom underwater, functioning in the same way the yellow barrels did in “Jaws,” as the proxy of whatever might be stalking the “hunter killer.”

For all the laughable clichés, Marsh and cinematographer Tom Marais do shoot the movie with dynamism and verve. The camera is almost always moving, and they bring spatial awareness and geography to the cramped space. Below the surface, the details do feel real, even if ripped from “The Hunt for Red October,” but on land, everything is shot with a soft-focus lens and enhanced with way too much CGI. “Hunter Killer” needs its radar calibrated, because while it bounces between serious and silly, it never quite finds a suitable place to land.

“Hunter Killer” is rated R for violence and some language. Running time: 121 minutes.



## ‘Johnny English Strikes Again’ a charming sequel

By PAT PADUA  
Special To The Washington Post

Johnny English, the secret agent of last resort, need not mean the movie of last resort. In “Johnny English Strikes Again,” the charming third chapter in the surprisingly durable spy-spoof franchise about an inept secret agent, retired MI7 operative Johnny English (Rowan Atkinson), is called back into service — but only after a cyberattack exposes the identities of every other agent in the field.

When we first catch up with English, he has been teaching espionage to British schoolchildren, leading his proteges in a martini toast to an imaginary femme fatale. (“You're looking particularly beautiful tonight,” the class repeats in unison.) After the prime minister (Emma Thompson) brings English back into the fold, he immediately reverts to his signature bungling, in a hilarious episode involving an exploding fountain pen.

You read that right: It's hilarious. It's hard to explain why the old exploding-pen gag would still be funny, in 2018. But Atkinson — utilizing the rubbery face and bulging, expressive eyes that served him so well on the silly British sitcom “Mr. Bean” — delivers a brand of charming buffoonery that is a balm for these troubled times.

The title character reunites with his sidekick from the original 2003 film: his hapless partner and straight man Bough (Ben Miller), who tries to wrangle some-

Rowan Atkinson returns as Britain's most confident yet unintelligent spy in “Johnny English Strikes Again.”

FOCUS FEATURES/AP

thing approaching competence out of his blundering colleague. As the agents set off to track down the bad guy (Jake Lacy), a hacker who has targeted British infrastructure, they forswear smartphones, choosing to use purely analog — hence untraceable — devices instead. The movie takes this curious fear of technology even further, with the film's Elon Musk-like villain persuading the prime minister to store sensitive government data on his own private server.

But this cautionary 21st-century theme inevitably takes a back seat to more timelessness — and shameless — slapstick, with director David Kerr (who primarily works on British TV) allowing Atkinson plenty of room to flex his comic muscle. When an insomniac English mistakes an energy pill for a sleep aid, he does what any other sleepless secret agent might do: He goes out dancing, managing to evade the murderous plotting of an enemy agent (Olga Kurylenko, of “Quantum of Solace”). Does it matter that the joke repeats an episode from the 2011 film “Johnny English Reborn” (arguably, the best of the series)? Hardly. Atkinson's energy is that infectious.

Like “Mission: Impossible - Fallout,” in which a 56-year-old Tom Cruise famously did his own stunts, “Johnny English Strikes Again” showcases yet another gracefully aging star of a storied spy franchise. Here, however, Atkinson may even outdo Cruise, with the comedian hurling his 63-year-old body into the service of comedy. With this latest installment in what has turned out to be a surprisingly consistent series, Johnny English's old-fashioned pratfalls make for an irreverent raspberry in the face of evil.

“Johnny English Strikes Again” is rated PG for cartoonish violence, saucy humor and language and nudity for comic effect. Running time: 88 minutes.



## WEEKEND: VIDEO GAMES



# Misguided effort

## 'My Memory of Us' is a fast-paced, stylishly animated adventure with a storyline some might find off-putting

By Christopher Byrd  
Special to The Washington Post

**D**o you like the voice of the noted actor Patrick Stewart? Are you a fan of fairy tales starring plucky children? If you answer yes to either of these questions, then the stylishly animated adventure game "My Memory of Us" might be worth a look. If, however, you are troubled by the Disneyfication of historical tragedies then you'll probably be put off by it, regardless of its conspicuously good intentions.

At the start of the game, an urban-dwelling little girl hastens along the streets until she arrives at a bookstore. Once inside, she finds an old man napping at a desk. Rousing him from slumber, she learns that the fantastical books she seeks are located up above. Leaving him to his nap, she heads up the stairs.

Ignoring the surrounding books, her eyes are drawn to a ladder, which she uses to reach the attic.

On a table in the far corner of the room, she finds a book that has obviously been given pride of place. When she presents the book to the shopkeeper downstairs, the vestiges of sleep depart him.

As the old man turns the pages of the drawing-filled book, his memory is inflamed. Between the pages, he discovers half of a torn photograph. The picture in his hands bears a remarkable resemblance to the girl in front of him despite the fact that it was taken many decades ago. Spurred by the comforts of tea and two cozy chairs, the old man (voiced by Patrick Stewart) proceeds to tell the girl a story about his childhood friend in the photograph involving robots and battles, two areas of keen interest to the little girl.



As a child, the old man was a bit of a street urchin who got himself into trouble with the law. One night, in an effort to shake off the cops, he jumps off a roof and lands in a garbage can, whose lid closes tightly above him. The following morning, a little girl comes across the garbage can while searching for a stray ball and frees him.

A friendship quickly forms between them as they come to rely on each others' particular skill sets. The mechanics of the game are pleas-

ingly emotive. With the tap of a shoulder button on the controller, one can choose to control either the boy or the girl. Tapping one of the controller's face buttons causes them to hold hands. With their hands linked, one can choose to have either the girl or the boy lead.

When the girl is leading, the boy can take advantage of her speed and run faster than he could on his own. Conversely, when the boy is leading, the girl is able to benefit from his thieving skills and crouch to make detection harder. The boy is smaller than the girl, so he gets into some places where she can't. Each of the two also gains useful tools in the game. The boy acquires a light that's essential for illuminating dark places, and the girl comes into the possession of a slingshot that can be used to target out-of-reach objects such as buttons.

After an evil king robot and his callous minions take over the children's country, the duo must help themselves and whomever they can to survive. The city where the children live is modeled on Warsaw, Poland. The robots are proxies for the Nazis and in the charcoal atmosphere of the game, the people forced to wear bright red clothing are stand-ins for Jews.

Over the course of their adventure, the children help separated lovers exchange tokens of affection, acquire medicine for orphans, disseminate resistance propa-

ganda and engage in other acts of sabotage and subterfuge. Their journey takes them from a ghetto where the people dressed in red are corralled to a robot base, to a resistance camp, and beyond. Along the way, they can acquire "memories," or documents that relate facts about Polish life under Nazi occupation and the real-life heroes who played a role in the struggle against fascism.

As taken as I was by the game's lovely animation, varied puzzles and brisk pacing, I wasn't particularly stirred by its historical moorings. I simply couldn't square what I know about the brutality of what the Nazis did in Poland with the game's evocation of those events. Climbing a mountain of suitcases, for instance, to retrieve a toy for a girl destined to be shuttled off by the robots didn't move me on any meaningful level. The symbols were too obvious to push me toward reflection, which I found more troubling than anything on the screen.

To be sure, I'm not the ideal player for a game such as this, but I could potentially see how parents might use "My Memory of Us" as tool to introduce young children to one of the intractable nightmares of history.

Platforms: Nintendo Switch, PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One  
Online: [mymemoryofus.com](http://mymemoryofus.com)

Puzzle platformer "My Memory of Us" is a reminiscence of a friendship between a boy and a girl forged during tough times.

Photos courtesy of Juggler Games

## WEEKEND: QUICK TRIPS

## Europe

# Pumpkin, pumpkin EVERYWHERE

If there's a food with this fruit in it, it's probably at this German festival



Photos courtesy of Jacqueline Broome

Pumpkins are arranged in the shape of a spider and web at a pumpkin exhibition in Ludwigsburg, Germany.



Visitors crowd the walkways and food lines at the pumpkin exhibition, which runs through Nov. 4.



Pumpkins feature prominently in this display of an anthill.



A pumpkin burger is available for purchase at the event.

By GREGORY BROOME  
*Stars and Stripes*

**T**ired of pumpkins yet? They're chattering away on screens, grinning from grocery store shelves and graphically decomposing on counters and front lawns. Pumpkin spice, glaze and flavor have infested our coffee, cereal and doughnuts. It used to just be jack-o'-lanterns and pies; now pumpkins are well on their way to world domination, or at least a seasonal version of it.

Our new pumpkin overlords have made Ludwigsburg, Germany, a hub of their operation. The pleasant town outside of Stuttgart hosts what is billed as the world's largest pumpkin exhibition, a claim that is both hard to verify but equally hard to argue with when in its midst.

Here, the overexposed orange fruits are brazenly assembled into the shapes of oversized owls, spiders and squirrels, or just piled up in big, intimidating mounds of unknown structural integrity. There are painted pumpkins and plain pumpkins. There are plump pumpkins and paltry pumpkins. It's basically a parade of pumpkins.

The pumpkins have apparently intuited that food is the way to win over humanity, and that effort is succeeding wildly. Bratwursts, burgers, waffles, muffins, ice cream, soup, and so on is available, each tinged with the touch of the ubiquitous pumpkin.

No matter how extreme your case of pumpkin fatigue, if you visit the Ludwigsburg pumpkin fest you're going to be overwhelmed by its culinary charms.

You will find yourself at the end of a serpentine line through hay bales and decorated pumpkins for a small bowl of pumpkin soup and a crust of bread. You're going to stare expectantly and sweat profusely as pumpkin batter is scooped onto a sizzling waffle iron. You're going to wait 20 minutes to buy a small plastic chip that entitles you to wait in a second line for another 20 minutes to exchange that small plastic chip for a hot, delicious pumpkin burger.

I encourage you to visit the annual Ludwigsburg pumpkin festival, running through Nov. 4 this year, and officially submit to the ascendant reign of the pumpkin in all its forms. At least it's helping keep Christmas merchandise out of your face for a few merciful weeks.

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## ON THE QT

### DIRECTIONS

The pumpkin fest is held on the enormous grounds of the Bluehendes Barock, a palace in downtown Ludwigsburg.

### TIMES

The palace grounds are open 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily; times vary for individual attractions.

### COSTS

Entrance to the palace grounds is nine euros for adults and half price for children 15 and under, and students. Family cards are available starting at 17 euros.

### FOOD

Many pumpkin-infused treats are available for purchase.

### INFORMATION

Online: [blueba.de/en/pumpkin-exhibition.html](http://blueba.de/en/pumpkin-exhibition.html)

— Gregory Broome

# WEEKEND: TRAVEL

# Europe

# The highlights of Finland's happening Helsinki

**H**elsinki — Europe's youngest and northernmost capital city — feels like an outpost of Europe. While it lacks the cutesy cobble of Copenhagen, the aristocratic setting of Stockholm or the futuristic vibe of Oslo, Helsinki holds its own among Nordic capitals with its creative spirit, zest for architecture and design, and a steamy love of saunas.

Perhaps the best way to understand Helsinki's origins is to take the short ferry ride across the harbor to the island fortress of Suomenlinna (now a popular park). Little Finland was long caught up in the superpower chess moves of its big neighbors, Sweden and Russia. The Swedes dominated the country from medieval times until 1809, when they lost it to the Russians, who held it until 1917.

The Swedes built Suomenlinna in the mid-1700s to counter Russia's rising power. Peter the Great had just created his new capital nearby, at St. Petersburg, and he was eyeing the West. With five miles of walls and hundreds of cannons guarding the harbor, Suomenlinna squelched the Russian threat (at least for the time being). With all that activity, small-time Helsinki took off, becoming a boomtown in support of the grand strategic effort.

Helsinki is buffered by more than 300 islands, and its harbor is always busy. Frequent passenger ferries cross the Baltic Sea from Stockholm, Tallinn and even St. Petersburg. The arrival of cruise ships — sliding through tight passages between the surrounding islands — energizes the city each day. Mighty ice breakers noored in their summer slumber are the only reminder of the bitter Baltic winters.

Almost everything worth seeing is walkable from the harbor. Most visitors head directly to Helsinki's fun harbor square, called Kaappatori. This colorful outdoor food bazaar is the place in town for a casual, quick and cheap lunch (moose meatballs are a favorite). Every-

one from the Finnish president to visiting tourists stops by for a dash of local flavor. Daily bus tours run from the docks for a rapid-fire overview of Finnish history and a quick look at the top monuments and churches. Or you can stretch your legs along Helsinki's grand boulevard, the



Rick Steves

Esplanade, leading from the water into town. With wide sidewalks and a friendly park sandwiched in the middle, this is the city's best stroll for window shopping, people watching and sun worshipping. Then delve into the boutiques of the Design District for some of Europe's most eye-pleasing fashion and home decor. A surprising number of global trends — from Marimekko's patterned fabrics to Nokia's pioneering mobile phones to the Angry Birds gaming empire — have been born right here in design-conscious Helsinki. (The local Design Museum displays these innovations and more.)

Helsinki is famous for its 20th-century architecture, from its central train station, an Art Nouveau masterpiece by Eliel Saarinen, to the modernist simplicity of the Finlandia concert hall by Alvar Aalto. The city also boasts beautiful and diverse churches: the gleaming white Lutheran cathedral, a Neoclassical gem; the red-brick Russian Orthodox Cathedral, a reminder of Russia's long dominance here; and the underground Tempelikaui Church, blasted out of solid granite and capped by a copper and glass dome.

There's also the little Kamppi Chapel. Sitting unassumingly on a city plaza, the spruce structure encloses a windowless cylinder of silence. Inside, indirect light bathes the alder-wood paneling in warmth and tranquility. Does it resemble Noah's



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**Helsinki grew up around a busy harbor, overlooked by the gleaming Lutheran Cathedral.**

Ark? The inside of an egg? Although it's a church, there are no services; it's open to anyone needing a reflective pause.

Overall, I find Finns to be pretty quiet and contemplative. I once wandered into a flea market in Helsinki, closed my eyes, and listened to the soundtrack of 300 Finns. It was almost silent — I could have been in a mountain meadow. So I was surprised to discover the Finnish love affair with lotteries and gambling. Slot machines and games of chance are everywhere, including restaurants and supermarkets, manned by Finns eagerly stuffing in coins. There's even a roulette lounge at the Helsinki Airport.

A more traditional touchstone of Finnish culture is the sauna. These days, with so many Finns affluent enough to have saunas in their homes (5.4 million Finns have 3.3 million saunas), some of the

working-class spots I've long enjoyed have gone upscale. The chic Lohy complex is typical of the new trend, with its saunas finely crafted from warm woods, a restaurant serving fashionable Nordic cuisine and a seaside terrace for lounging.

Helsinki seems designed to promote a sense of community, and when the weather warms, everyone takes full advantage. The city blooms with bikers, picnickers, runners and walkers, and cafes push their tables out to the sidewalk. Cafe Kappeli, an Old World oasis of pastry and relaxation, sits proudly at the harbor's edge. It's the perfect spot to sip a coffee while waiting for your ship, already savoring your Helsinki memories.

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## TOP TRAVEL PICKS

### Thrills and chills on San Sebastian's screens

Halloween's the time for jolts and jitters, and what better way to conjure up some than by watching a horror film? San Sebastian, Spain, a dream destination for beach-seekers and foodies alike, can now add fans of splatter and gore to its long list of satisfied visitors.

As its name implies, the San Sebastian Horror and Fantasy Film Festival screens more than just blood and guts. Science fiction and other out-of-this-world genres will make viewers squirm in their seats as the 29th edition of this film fest unwinds Oct. 27-Nov. 2.

The festival opens with a showing of "Overlord," a film in which a group of American paratroopers find themselves trapped behind enemy lines after their plane crashes while on a mission in Normandy on the eve of D-Day. When they reach their objective, they're forced to fight not Nazi soldiers but also gruesome, bloodthirsty creatures arising from the Germans' secret experiments.

Films included in the official selection hail from all corners of



Karen Bradbury

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the globe and include the titles "Abrakadabra," "The Year of the Plague," "Border," "The Dark," "Ghostland," "The House That Jack Built," "Inuyashiki," "Mandy," "Murder Me," "Monster," "One Out of the Dead" and "Summer of '84."

As part of the side program, an exhibition named "May Shelley: La muerte del monstruo" examines the psyche of Frankenstein's creator against the backdrop of the Victorian age and its fascination with the idea of using science to revive cadavers. The exhibition runs through Nov. 15 at the Carlos Santamaría Center.

A pass to see all films screened at the festival's main venue, the Principal Theatre, goes for 77 euros (about \$89); tickets to individual film showings go for 7.50 euros. Online: [sebastianhorrorfestival.eus/2018](http://sebastianhorrorfestival.eus/2018)

Can't make it to this particular crime scene? The European Fantastic Film Festivals Federación, a network of 22 film festivals shown in 16 countries across the continent, has much more of the same up its bloody sleeve. Upcoming horror and fantasy film festivals within the network include the Razor Reel Flanders Film Festival in Bruges, Belgium, through Oct. 30; Trieste Science + Fiction Festival running in Trieste, Italy, Oct. 30-Nov. 4; Molins de Rei Horror Film Fest outside Barcelona, Spain, Nov. 9-18; the Abertoir Horror Festival in Aberystwyth, Wales, Nov. 13-18; and the Fancine Malaga in Malaga, Spain, Nov. 14-22. For more dates, see [melies.org](http://melies.org).

### Halloween haunts in Germany

Halloween isn't the same big deal in Germany as it is back in the states; nevertheless, a hand-

ful of places offer ghoulish, all-ages fun. For a family-friendly outing this weekend or on Oct. 31, consider these destinations:

Mayen: The "Festival der Hexen und Magier" on Oct. 27 offers witches and magicians in training the chance to see walking acts, magic shows, jesters and a medieval-style band; have a go on the bouncy castle; carve pumpkins; or march in a costume parade from the city center to the Genovevaburg Castle. Each child who takes part receives a small gift, and prizes are awarded for the best adult and child's costumes. Kids can have their faces made up in the tourist information office in the Alter Rathaus. The parade starts midafternoon and the prize giveaway follows at 4 p.m. A fire show takes place in the castle courtyard at 6:30 p.m. Activities are either free or cost moderate fees. Mayen is some 60 miles northeast of Bitburg. Online: [tinyurl.com/y7d9x5wp](http://tinyurl.com/y7d9x5wp)

Breunigweiler: From 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27, the "Ausflug des Schreckens" offers those who dare the chance to walk along a mile-long stretch inhabited by giant spiders, creepy bats and

restless spirits. The walk is for those aged 12 and over only.

Entry costs 8 euros. Breunigweiler is about eight miles northeast of Sembach. Online: [primmatil-touristik.de/ausflug-des-schreckens-2018](http://primmatil-touristik.de/ausflug-des-schreckens-2018)

Mannheim: Each Oct. 31, the Luisenpark is the scene of a Halloween-themed celebration in which costumed devils, witches, ghosts and other fantastical creatures roam around the jack-o'-lanterns. Scary performances, a fire show and bands geared toward kids enliven the proceedings. The fun gets underway at 5 p.m., and regular park admission fees apply. Those under six enter free. Online: [luisenpark.de/note/3522](http://luisenpark.de/note/3522)

Steinbach am Donnersberg: From 5 p.m. Oct. 31, a Samhain Fest takes place at the Kelten-dorf, or Celtic village. The site of an authentic Celtic settlement at the foot of the Donnersberg mountain is a fitting backdrop for campfires, battles, fire-swall-lowers, a torchlight parade and a performance by a band playing Irish folk music. Entry costs 4 euros for adults and 2 euros for children. Steinbach is about 10 miles northeast of Sembach. Online: [tinyurl.com/yd2oedfa](http://tinyurl.com/yd2oedfa)



## WEEKEND: FOOD &amp; DINING

## Europe



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**Tiffs' chef-owner, Mahjabeen Ameen, was born in Bangladesh and reared and educated in London. She incorporates some family recipes in her dishes.**

# After Hours: Italy

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

**A**t Tiffs, you might get the noodle soup with the secret recipe from the restaurateur's father's onetime Burmese fiancée's uncle.

You could settle in for an evening with Netflix, a samosa or two, a little dhal, a bit of butter chicken or a variety of crunchy vegetarian "meatballs."

Or you could just get the pad thai noodles. If you like quality south Asian food with a backstory and available takeout, Tiffs delivers in every way.

I stopped in for lunch recently and sat at the counter in one of only six chairs in the bright, tiny storefront a 15-minute stroll from downtown Vicenza. I chose two curries — a red one with shrimp and pumpkin, and a green Thai one with shrimp, eggplant, lemongrass and cilantro, over a bed of rice. I also got a little round naan and a bottle of water that proved a necessity.

The eggplant curry was good and hot. The shrimp and pumpkin curry, with its marriage of sweet and spicy, was as delectable as Tiffs' chef-owner, Mahjabeen Ameen, had promised.

The Bangladesh-born, London-reared former accountant said that she uses only fresh, whole spices that she and her crew toast and grind themselves. They also use organic ingredients, go light on fats and oils and use cooking methods that seal in flavors — a burst of very high heat, for example.

Tiffs is named for the box lunches on offer, called tiffins in India during the Raj, according to Tiffs' website, "to mean a packed lunch or a light afternoon meal or snack."

They cost 6-7 euros (\$7-\$8) and feature noodles, soup, lentils or prawns.

Other orders are priced by weight. The Thai curry, for example, was about 7.26 euros for 200 grams, which is about 7 ounces.

There are a variety of teas available as well as India pale ale, other beers, soda, fruit drinks and golden milk, which Tiffs makes with almond milk.

I was full after my lunch but wanted to try more items. I got more curry; two samosas; some dhal (curried lentils); and the Burmese soup, called Khao-suey and redolent of chicken curry, coconut broth and fresh lime, to go.

I figured I'd eat them over the next couple of days. I already had the samosas — crunchy, delicious pastries filled with carrots, peas and cauliflower — for dinner.

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**Lunch at Tiffs included two shrimp curries. The red curry with pumpkin, left, was on special. The green Thai curry is a standard on the menu. The restaurant provides bamboo utensils.**



**Khao-suey, a Burmese soup redolent of chicken curry, coconut broth and fresh lime, is made using a recipe from Ameen's father's one-time fiancée's uncle.**

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— Nancy Montgomery

# Pickled Pepper Pull-Apart Beef is ugly but delicious

By ELIZABETH KARMEI  
Associated Press

Many people who grew up outside the South think that all Southern food is the same. But this is far from the truth. You can live one county away and have a totally different food experience and definition of Southern food.

Sheri Castle is my favorite Southern cook of that nature. I have known Sheri for many years. She is a generous person and cook with a wry sense of humor and an extensive food knowledge of her Southern food ways. And those Southern food traditions differ in many respects from my Southern food experience, though we are both from North Carolina.

Sheri is the first person to introduce me to Chocolate Gravy. I thought that was a joke, but no, it is a very real thing, and she is famous for popularizing it outside of Appalachia. She is also the first to introduce me to Pickled Pepper Pull-Apart Beef. I have to admit that once again, I had never heard of it until I was leafing through her new cookbook, "Instantly Southern." It is a book of Southern recipes adapted to today's love of multi-pots and pressure cookers.

## PICKLED PEPPER PULL-APART BEEF

Servings: 6  
Start to finish: 1 hour, 30 minutes

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

¾ pound chuck roast

1 1-ounce package of Ranch dressing and seasoning mix

1 cup pickled banana pepper rings, divided

6-8 pepperoncini

½ cup brine from peppers

1 cup beef broth

Salt and pepper to taste

6 hoagy rolls

6-12 slices Muenster cheese, at room temperature

Condiments as desired

### Directions:

Place butter evenly over the bottom of the pot. Add the chuck roast. Sprinkle the top with the package of Ranch seasoning.

Scatter the pickled peppers over the roast. Add the brine and the

What appealed to me about this recipe — besides the fact that I had never heard of it before — is that it is super simple and a recipe that uses a pressure cooker to its best advantage. It's essentially a beef chuck roast that is pressure cooked and flavored by the brine of pickled peppers. Sheri told me that "it's the kind of recipe that you tell to your sisters and your neighbors and then everyone gives it their own little tweak!"

My tweak was to add beef broth to the pickle brine and use both mild banana pepper rings and spicier pepperoncini. And in the end, I opted to make mine into a hot "hoagie" with Muenster cheese and lots of crunchy pickled peppers. This is an "ugly delicious" sandwich! If you like an Italian Beef sandwich, you will love this one made hearty with chunks of tender chuck. I don't dip the bread because I don't like my sandwiches too soggy, but if you like to dip your bread, serve extra jus on the side. It is a perfect fall option when you've had your fill of chili and chicken wings. It's also perfect for Halloween celebrations and pairs beautifully with hot apple cider or your favorite witches brew.

beef broth.

Cover and cook on high pressure for 50 minutes. Let the pot release naturally, which will be about another 20 minutes.

Uncover and let rest for 15 minutes. Spoon the fat off the top, or let it come to room temperature, cover the top of the pot with foil and refrigerate overnight. The next day, remove the fat disc from the top and reheat in your multi-cooker.

Break the roast into chunks. When ready to serve, place the cheese on either side of the bun. Add chunks of steaming hot meat to the bun. Top with uncooked pepper rings. Place a drizzle of the beef jus on the meat and serve extra on the side if desired. (If you prefer melted cheese, melt the cheese oven-faced on the bun in a toaster oven or regular oven and add the hot beef and peppers to the melted cheese.)



ELIZABETH KARMEI/AP

**Pickled Pepper Pull-Apart Beef in a hoagy bun is a great fall meal.**

## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

## Europe



# Sweet discoveries

Nothing compares to eating fresh stroopwafels in Amsterdam, where they were invented

By CARA TABACHNICK  
Special to The Washington Post

My introduction to stroopwafels, the gooey caramel waffle sandwich from the Netherlands, was in a small village in the south of Spain, where I live. A Dutch couple had opened a small bakery tucked among the winding cobblestone streets. One morning, I stumbled into their store and watched as they cut a slab off a log of fragrant dough, pressed it with a waffle iron, separated the top disk from the bottom, spread the inside with caramel sauce and put the halves back together.

"What are those?" I asked. "These are stroopwafels," answered the owner. "One of our country's favorite treats."

I was hooked. For weeks, I consumed a stroopwafel every morning—a cookie and a cup of coffee was less than \$2—becoming convinced that I needed to try these goodies in the motherland. I plotted a tasting tour with my sister, who flew in from New York to meet me in Amsterdam.

On our first morning, I roused her from a deep, jet-lagged sleep.

Vendors were still setting up when we arrived at the Albert Cuyp Market and made our way to the Original Stroopwafels stand, where proprietor Dennis Joinking, 41, was serving a clamoring crowd. We joined the line, and I ordered the classic stroopwafel. My sister ordered a classic one and a chocolate one, saying it was in the interest of research.

My first lesson: Stroopwafels aren't served on a plate. Instead, the syrupy cookie is placed on a napkin and plopped right onto an outstretched hand. "It

needs to be kept flat so the caramel doesn't drip," Joinking said. "Eating stroopwafels like this is the Dutch way."

I received the soft, warm cookie on my palm, its circumference entirely covering my hand.

Delicately, I bit into the crispy wafer-like outside and felt the cookie crunch as the caramel dripped down my throat. Joinking watched me expectantly.

"Do you like it?" he asked, his face sheathed in a wide smile, a red kerchief tied around his neck. Every Monday through Saturday, Joinking sets up two waffle irons to serve stroopwafels at his stand. The business was started 43 years ago by Joinking's father, who apprenticed with a stroopwafel maker in Gouda, where the cookie is believed to have been invented, and brought his master's secret recipe back to Amsterdam. Joinking took over the business in 2011, leaving his finance job to serve the goodies because he loved how they brought people together.

"We have people come here from all over the world to try our specialty. Just the other day a group from Brazil found us," he said.

The sweetness was just right; it wasn't cloying or too sugary, and there was a dash of spice. (Nutmeg? Joinking won't release his recipe secrets.) But what I really liked about the experience of eating my stroopwafel was standing in a market on a sunny summer morning, watching the crowds throng around me.

The Albert Cuyp Market is a traditional Dutch market in northern Amsterdam, just by the fashionable De Pijp neighborhood, whose winding streets

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Above: Mikal Boston, of Texas, tries a stroopwafel in the Albert Cuyp outdoor market in Amsterdam in June. Top left: In the Albert Cuyp market, stroopwafels stands abound to entice the wandering shopper. Top center: Dennis Joinking, proprietor of the Original Stroopwafels stand in Amsterdam, drips warm caramel onto one of his freshly made delicacies. Top right: Van Wonderen Stroopwafels adds several toppings to the national treat and dips it in chocolate.

## KNOW & GO

### Original Stroopwafels

Albert Cuyp Market, Stall 134; 011-31-616-351-033; [originalstroopwafels.com](http://originalstroopwafels.com)

Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays

Price for an individual stroopwafel is about \$1.75.

### Lans Kroon

Singel 385; 011-31-020-623-7743, [lanskroon.nl](http://lanskroon.nl)

Open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sun-

day. Price for an individual stroopwafel is about \$2.32.

### Van Wonderen Stroopwafels

Kalverstraat 190, 011-31-20-737-1064, [vanwonderenstroopwafels.nl](http://vanwonderenstroopwafels.nl)

Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Price for an individual stroopwafel is about \$4.06.

### For more information

[amsterdam.com](http://amsterdam.com)  
[travel-amsterdam](http://travel-amsterdam)

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are lined with hip boutiques and restaurants. The market is filled with shoppers buying produce, fish, clothes and, of course, stroopwafels. There are several stands, but Original Stroopwafels' is the most recognizable, with its blue-and-white tiles and red counter.

Food historians argue over the origin of the stroopwafel, but all agree this classic Dutch cookie was most likely invented around 1840 in Gouda, a city one hour south of the capital that is also famous for its cheese. Some say the cookies were made from leftover bakery crumbs dipped in syrup to give to poor children, but food historian Peter G. Rose, who researches early Dutch cooking and its influence on American culture, said the scheme was simple. A Gouda baker decided to put two wafers together to create a sandwichlike cookie and fill it with syrup. The cookie was an immediate success in Gouda, and versions spread from market to market until it became a staple of the Dutch diet.

Although we are a small country, our food is very regional, and different towns often have their own cookie or baked good," Rose said. "But the stroopwafel is different, as it is popular all over Holland and even outside the country." When the Dutch immigrated to the Americas, they often brought their waffle irons with them, and a version of the cookie made its way into the American kitchen. But, Rose cautioned, these new varieties were not the same as the original Dutch treat. The waffle shells are hard, unlike the stroopwafel, and the American versions often were served without the caramel syrup between them.

Nothing compares, Rose said, to eating the cookie as the locals do: hot from the griddle or warmed by being placed atop a cup of coffee or tea.

"To eat stroopwafels is to taste the country," Rose said. "While our kitchen is not so renowned, our baked goods ought to be; we have the best baked goods everywhere. And watching them making it in front of you is part of the fun."

Inspired by my market success, my sister and I headed toward the city center, where Lanskrone, a 110-year-old bakery on a quaint canal street, is touted as having one of Amsterdam's best stroopwafels. The secret to its famed recipe is that it bakes the wafers, said Maartje Braakman, 21, who has been working at the bakery for the past three years. They serve two types, honey and coffee caramel, and most patrons buy a cookie and warm it over their beverages.

These stroopwafels had a different taste and texture than those at the market. They're pale and round and flat as plastic dessert plates, less crispy and less gooey — though the filling is still caramel syrup.

Our last stop was in the heart of the city's shopping district, where a newer, hipper version of the stroopwafel was born. Van Wonders Stroopwafels, which opened last year, adds a variety of toppings to the typical crispy cookie, dipping them in chocolate and sprinkling them with goodies such as marshmallows, raspberries, nuts and coconut. Jars of add-ons create an enticing rainbow arrangement along the counter of the shop.

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## WEEKEND: QUICK TRIPS

## Pacific

## Peak experience

Reach new heights and take in amazing views from Tokyo Skytree

By HANA KUSUMOTO  
Stars and Stripes

**W**ant to see how big Tokyo really is? Go up Tokyo Skytree, the tallest public observation tower in the city where nothing blocks the view of the sprawling metropolis below. Six years since its opening, Skytree remains one of the most popular tourist attractions in Tokyo, with long lines of visitors waiting to take in the view from the tower's observation floors on weekends.

The incredible view isn't all that Skytree offers tourists and visitors. There's an aquarium, shopping mall, and even a planetarium to visit — making Tokyo Skytree a perfect addition to any excursion in the city.

Tokyo Skytree is in the East Tokyo neighborhood of Oshiage, a short walk across the Sumida River from Asakusa. Standing at a whopping 2,080 feet, Skytree dominates

the Tokyo skyline. In fact, when it opened in 2012, the structure officially became the tallest tower in the world. (Skytree is also the world's second-tallest free-standing structure, a little more than 700 feet shorter than Dubai's Burj Khalifa.) On a clear day, visitors to Skytree can even get a glimpse of Mount Fuji.

Skytree was built as a functional replacement for the iconic Tokyo Tower, which had been used to send television and radio signals in the city since 1958. Tokyo Tower is 1,092 feet high — which meant the taller high-rise buildings that sprung up across central Tokyo during the latter half of the 20th century began to affect the tower's broadcasting signals.

Visitors to Skytree are allowed access to two observatory decks, both of which are accessed via elevators. The lower observatory, called the Tembo Deck, is located al-

most 1,150 feet above ground. For an extra fee, visitors can advance to the Tembo Galleria on Floor 445, which features a large spiral walkway of floor-to-ceiling glass windows. Here, the Sorakara Point is the highest viewpoint in Tokyo at 1,480 feet. The view from the upper observatory isn't too different from the lower floors — but the glass walkway makes you feel as if you are walking on air.

On the way back down the tower, take a snapshot on Floor 340, where a glass floor allows visitors to peer down through the structure of the tower. Cafes, restaurants and souvenir shops are located in the upper section of the tower, on Floor 345 and Floor 350.

After taking in the views of the city, head to the ground floors for a visit to the Sumida Aquarium. Most of the aquarium is dark, and relies on ambient lights to illuminate the tanks and create a mood that highlights the mystery of the sea. The aquarium is known for its penguin exhibit, said to feature one of the largest indoor pool tanks in Japan. The tank gives visitors an up-close look of the dozens of penguins inhabiting the tank as they swim by.

Also located on the lower floors of the building is Tokyo Solamachi, a shopping mall featuring more than 300 shops and restaurants. The mall's 4th floor is dedicated entirely to shops selling Japanese souvenirs for tourists, including Japanese cooking knives, chopsticks, washi paper and fans. At Ameshin, shoppers can watch as workers make traditional candy from scratch, pulling and bending the sugar syrup into intricate shapes such as goldfish and rabbits.

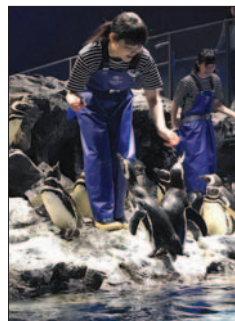
Tokyo Solamachi offers plenty of entertainment for children, including indoor playgrounds and Kodomo No Yu, an onsen-themed amusement park featuring Japanese festival games and a large ball pit.

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**Tokyo Skytree, above and bottom left, remains one of the most popular tourist attractions in Tokyo since its opening six years ago. Get there early on weekends, as there are long lines of visitors waiting to take in the view from the tower's observation floors.**



**The Sumida Aquarium at Tokyo Skytree is known for its penguin exhibit, which is said to feature one of the largest indoor pool tanks in Japan. It's open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, including holidays.**

## ON THE QT

## DIRECTIONS

Tokyo Skytree is accessible via the Tobu Skytree Line at Tokyo Skytree Station (1-minute walk), or via the Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line and Toei Asakusa Line at Oshiage Station (2-minute walk).

## TIMES

The Tokyo Skytree observation decks are open daily 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., with last entry at 9 p.m. Schedule might change during the New Year's holidays. The Sumida Aquarium is open daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., including holidays. The Tokyo Solamachi mall is also open daily, including holidays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## COSTS

To reach the lower Tembo Deck at Tokyo Skytree, same-day tickets cost 2,060 yen — about \$18.40 — for adults, 1,749 yen for teenagers, 930 yen for elementary school students and 620

yen for preschoolers. An additional fee to reach the higher Tembo Galleria is required, and costs 1,030 yen for adults, 820 yen for teens, 520 yen for elementary school students and 310 yen for preschoolers. Children 4 and younger are free. Foreign tourists and foreign nationals residing in Japan may purchase a special Fast Skytree Ticket that allows visitors to skip the lines. The tickets — which start at 3,000 yen for ages 12 and older and 1,500 yen ages 4 to 11 — require showing a foreign passport to purchase.

## FOOD

A wide variety of restaurants and cafes are located both at Skytree and in Tokyo Solamachi Mall. At the mall, restaurants are on floors at 6, 7, 30 and 31 and open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## INFORMATION

Online: [tokyo-skytree.jp/en](http://tokyo-skytree.jp/en)

— Hana Kusumoto



## WEEKEND: LIFESTYLE

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Bloomberg

# Are avocados VEGAN enough?

## Pollination by migratory beekeeping might be an issue for some mindful eaters

By MAURA JUDKIS  
The Washington Post

One thing that most sensible people can agree on — whether they're vegan, meat-eaters, paleo, keto or whatever food tribe they are delicious. But there's a paradigm-shifting debate online about the very nature of avocados that could make some of the eaters who appreciate them the most renounce them. Depending on how strict their definition of veganism is, some vegans may be dismayed to learn that the avocado-almond milk smoothies they've been drinking might — gasp! — not be so vegan after all.

Vegans eschew not only products made from animals, such as bacon and leather, but also products made by animals, such as milk and butter. For some vegans, this extends to honey, because it is produced from the labor of bees. Honey-avoiding vegans believe that exploiting the labor of bees and then harvesting their energy source is immoral — and they point out that large-scale beekeeping operations can harm or kill bees.

So why are avocados problematic? As the website the Conversation points out, some avocados (and almonds) are produced by the work of bees, too. Honeybees pollinate many of our favorite fruits and vegetables, but in much of the United States, there are not enough bees to do this job naturally or efficiently. So farmers employ a practice called migratory beekeeping: They truck hives into their fields, where the bees live for short periods to pollinate the crops during the plants' most

fertile window. An in-depth article from Scientific American outlines just how important this practice is to farming and what effect it has on our ecosystem. The magazine estimated that without migratory beekeeping, the United States would lose one-third of its crops.

And it does involve cruelty to bees, according to Scientific American: "Forcing bees to gather pollen and nectar from vast swaths of a single crop deprives them of the far more diverse and nourishing diet provided by wild habitats. The migration also continually boomerangs honeybees between times of plenty and borderline starvation. Once a particular bloom is over, the bees have nothing to eat, because there is only that one pollen-depleted crop as far as the eye can see. When on the road, bees cannot forage or defecate. And the sugar syrup and pollen patties beekeepers offer as compensation are not nearly as nutritious as pollen and nectar from wild plants." The commingling of bees from across the country in the same farms also can spread disease, which can lead to colony collapse disorder.

But here's what the debate hasn't mentioned: Avocados and almonds aren't the only crops that are pollinated in this manner. Migratory beekeeping is a slippery slope that — for those who wish to avoid

it — could change the scope of veganism. Other fruits and vegetables that might be produced through migratory pollination include apples, plums, cherries, alfalfa, blueberries, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, pumpkin, lettuce, squash and tangerines. Not every item in these categories is produced in this manner, but unless a vegan were to know the practices of the farm of origin, they would have no way of knowing whether bees were exploited in the making of that squash salad.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has a strong stance against honey. "These tiny animals are factory-farmed, much like chickens, pigs, and cows are," says the organization's page on honeybees. "Avoid honey, beeswax, propolis, royal jelly, and other products that come from bees." The PETA website also includes a roundup of "the best vegan recipes for avocado lovers," including chocolate avocado pudding and tofu-stuffed avocados.

PETA sent The Washington Post a statement about its stance on migratory beekeeping: "Going vegan is about making kind choices that bring about positive change. Average shoppers can't avoid produce that involved migratory beekeeping any more than they can avoid driving on asphalt, which has animal ingredients — but they can

save nearly 200 animals' lives every year by choosing plant-based foods instead of meat, eggs, and dairy 'products,'" said PETA Executive Vice President Tracy Reiman.

Asked to clarify how migratory beekeeping is different from honey, given that bees are mistreated in both cases, PETA senior media liaison Catie Cryar wrote in an email that, while it's difficult to avoid fruits and vegetables that have been created through migratory beekeeping, "everyone can easily avoid honey, which is made by bees for bees, and instead enjoy delicious vegan options such as agave nectar." Veganism "shouldn't be about adhering to rigid dogma for dogma's sake, but rather about making choices that bring about positive change. Ideally, the use of products that involve harming animals should be avoided, but it's impossible to be 100 percent 'pure,'" she said.

So will vegans give up their avocado salads? Maybe the most hardcore ones will. But those who want to continue to slurp avocado smoothies have PETA's blessing — as long as they don't put honey in them.



**'[Veganism] shouldn't be about adhering to rigid dogma for dogma's sake, but rather about making choices that bring about positive change.'**

Catie Cryar  
PETA senior media liaison

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## WEEKEND: LIFESTYLE



# A pinball museum? There has to be a twist

By NELSON PRESSLEY  
The Washington Post

**P**inball isn't virtual. It's physical. You pull the steel plunger on the 1976 game "Evel Knivel" and the tension is pleasurable. The ball clacks against the glass top as it jumps off the hair-trigger flippers, which flick electronically with a fingertip press of the buttons waist-high on the sides of the machine. The jangling bells and blinking lights add to the tactile experience.

At the Asheville Pinball Museum in North Carolina, you pay \$15 and play all you want on 80 machines ranging from the 1950s to the latest games, because even though the Internet has all but killed arcades, the pinball industry has not entirely died. Tuned up and ready to go are the "Elton John-Captain Fantastic" game from 1975, "Cherry Bell" from 1978, and from 1979 the bigger "Space Invaders," with its widebody design and double flippers allowing for a greater range of shots.

You can walk around and just look for free, if you want, and the machines are clustered together era by era so you can track the evolution. But this playable collection and others like it across the country are designed to be immersive and experiential.

"We can call it an emporium if you want," T.C. Di Bella, Asheville Pinball Museum owner and former middle school teacher, says with a shrug, even as he adds that insisting it's not a museum rubs him "the wrong way."

"It was never about making it sound more sophisticated than it is," Di Bella says. "When I saw the Seattle Pinball Museum website and read the article when they opened, and how the owner explained it, I was like, 'Yeah—it's a display of technology and art. And so what if you get to play it?'"

The artifacts are often artful — not in the movie-image re-creations on machines from the 1990s, Di Bella contends, but in something like the cartoon images of the rock band Kiss, painted on glass and replicated for the 1979 game. On one bank of older machines, the backs have been pried off and are protected by plexiglass covers. You can watch the works turn.

The cultural history is interesting: For decades, pinball, which gained its electrified and coin-operated shape in the 1930s, was banned as gambling, and it was outlawed outside of amusement arcades in New York City from 1948 to 1976. (Next door in South Carolina, the general

assembly introduced legislation to repeal its old prohibition against minors playing pinball only last year.) Di Bella's oldest game dates to 1937; it's called "Arlington" and has a horse-race theme as the ball slides down the banked board. Players could not hit it back because it had no flippers, meaning that it was largely a game of chance. The attraction was that if the balls landed in the right place, you could win a couple of pennies or nickels.

"A lot of the early machines would pay off," Di Bella says. "That's what gave pinball kind of a bad name." Signs saying "For amusement only" are relics of pinball's battle against a gambling stigma.

The 1947 "Humpty Dumpty" was the first pinball game with electronic flippers, making it more competitive but still "very boring," Di Bella says. The 1979 "Hercules" is currently off-limits but plugged in so you can see its ruby-yellow glow, and with an info card — all machines have info cards — explaining that the Atari-made machine is the biggest ever built. Di Bella is working on getting the hard-to-maintain "Hercules" back in playing shape; it's so big that it uses a pool table cue ball instead of a silver pinball. The weight of the ball makes for a slow game and wears out the coil in the flipper mechanism.

Di Bella was teaching social studies and science and had two pinball machines in his basement when a friend sent him a link to the Seattle Pinball Museum website. He immediately wanted to do the same thing in Asheville, and his wife, Brandy — a nurse for 20 years who now helps manage the museum — quickly agreed. Di Bella studied what he calls "the big three" pinball museums as he was gearing up: Seattle's, the Museum of Pinball outside Los Angeles, and the Silverball Museum in Asbury Park, N.J. He opened with 27 machines that cost a total of \$20,000, teaching school until 3:30 p.m. and opening the museum at

4 as he got the enterprise off the ground. Now the museum averages 1,000 visitors a week, capping entry at 80 people at a time.

When the museum opened, anything on the floor was for sale, but no more. Di Bella learned the hard way that sometimes rarities can't be replaced: He sold a limited edition 1990s "Godzilla" (bad movie, good game, he says) and has not been able to find another. Sales now are made with an eye on maintaining the collection.

A skeptic might say Di Bella is a fanboy gone pro, a gamer who has blown up his man cave with expensive toys and nostalgic decor. Move toward the smaller back room where the video games are — "Ms. Pac-Man" and "AstroToids," and, in a smaller room, some Nintendo and Sega Genesis stuff — and you will be overwhelmed by mid-to-late 20th century pennants, movie posters and a jukebox with, for instance, David Lee Roth crooning "Just a Gigolo." Even the bathrooms are decked out with knickknacks, and the women's room is said to be haunted, which Di Bella knows from his former summer job as a local tour guide.

Arguably, this interactive monument to American diversions, or this arcade revival — whatever you want to call it — by any name does not amount to more than kitsch.

Yet if you can encounter R2D2 and C-3PO at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, Di Bella's not sure why pinball and its ancillary features and expressions shouldn't be museum-worthy, too.

"What if I turned everything off, and I put red ropes in front of everything and you still had the display signs," he says. "Now is it a museum?"

After it opened in August 2013, the Asheville Pinball Museum in North Carolina quickly grew in popularity.

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At the Asheville Pinball Museum, you pay \$15 and play all you want on 80 machines ranging from the 1950s to the latest games.



## WEEKEND: LIFESTYLE



# The sweat life

Couple who say sauna saved their marriage  
start Facebook group to share their obsession

By JENNA ROSS

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

**C**hristopher and Julie Rice sat naked in the sauna, sweating in its 180-degree heat. In the crisp air outside, they then played a few hands of cribbage and noshed on pickles and smoked fish. Steam rose from their wet hair.

The details, three years later, seem etched in their minds.

It was the night they fell in love with sauna. The night, they say, sauna saved their marriage.

"It was nice to be unplugged, nice to be together and to talk," Julie said recently. "We put all our worries, all our grudges aside. We were able to say, 'What's going on? How can we move forward?'"

Nakedness bred vulnerability, opening up something in the couple's marriage, which was then marked by resentment. Their first sauna-destination trip — inspired by a chance steam a month before — led to another, then another. Between watching YouTube videos on sauna methods and reading old tomes on sauna culture, the couple started a Facebook group to share their new obsession and a website to tell their story. Clicks came, at first, from curious friends and family, but with each trip and each post, the Rices discovered — and helped build — a sauna-loving community.

Today, some 2,300 people subscribe to their private Facebook group, dedicated to wood-burning sauna. More than a few have invited the Rices to sweat alongside them.

The ancient Finnish tradition of sauna is trendy these days, as millennials have embraced its ritual. Mobile saunas, with their rent-a-session model, have popped up in Minneapolis and beyond. But the Rices, like the purists in their group, are anti-trend.

They celebrate the wood chopping and fire building required for a traditional sauna, praising the resulting scent and soft heat. Electric saunas don't have the same effect, they argue.

Infrared saunas? Don't get them started. Christopher, 40, refuses to call them saunas, referring to them instead as closets.

"A log sauna in a rustic, natural place — that's what I love," Christopher said. "I have yet to see an infrared closet set in the middle of the forest."

The couple spoke at Camp du Nord's first weekend for sauna enthusiasts last year, an event they helped inspire. This year, the gathering kicked off Oct. 11 near Ely, Minn. Its star: the YMCA camp's legendary wood-burning sauna, built in 1933 by Finnish carpenters beside Burnetts Lake. That's where the Rices — quickly ticking off their bucket list — jumped into a hole in the ice, known in Finnish as *avanto*.

The couple's Facebook page helped Emily Weise, a program director at Camp du Nord, realize "that there was this subculture of sauna lovers out there" who value the log sauna, "the oldest building here at camp." Weise first took a sauna at Camp du Nord when she was a 5-year-old at the family camp.

But the Rices' enthusiasm has given her a greater appreciation for the tradition, she said. Online and in person, Christopher is "so curious and interested and always keeping the conversation going."

The Rices, who were married in 2005, didn't grow up with saunas. They claim no Finnish heritage. They didn't even know much about starting fires.

Then there were cultural oddities. Nudity was one.

"There's this aspect of being naked that was, even for us as a married couple, still kind of awkward," said Julie, 38.

"We have such an odd relationship with nakedness in the U.S. It took a little bit for me to relax."

"We don't come from some hippie background," Christopher chimed in. "We're not free spirits," Julie added.

"Both our families are like, 'What's this nakedness thing?'" Christopher said.

But they've learned, converting friends, relatives and Julie's mother, who is from Cambodia, along the way. The Facebook group has helped. It's a place where sauna lovers can share tips, photos and offers of saunas for sale. They also ask questions ranging from newbie to nerdy: What's the best sauna temperature? Does anyone have a Harvia stove? "What about sauna seat covers?" one member posted recently. "Do people use them? Just a towel? Decoration? Too fancy/urban? Just right?"

The most liked response: "Saunas are self-cleaning and one of the most sterile environments. Modern people are too squeamish. Sitting in others' buttsweat?

**When Christopher and Julie Rice of Rochester, Minn., took a sauna together, something clicked, they said. The couple has created a wood-burning sauna community on Facebook that has led to a sauna-loving community in real life. They travel the country in search of remote, Finnish saunas.**

BRIAN PETERSON, STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS) / TNS

Yours is sweating, too."

That online community has led to in-person meetups. Christopher and Julie have been invited to saunas in Wisconsin, northern Minnesota and Finland, partly because of the business they run: They take 360-degree photos of interiors, a sauna lover's dream documentation. The couple used to travel for food — to Texas for barbecue, for example — but now plan trips around rentals with awesome saunas. They've trekked several times to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, to an area where half the population boasts Finnish heritage.

Before, "if we ever stayed at a rental, we made sure it had a gas stove. We wouldn't stay anywhere with a bad cooking setup," Christopher said. "Now it doesn't matter. Could be a dilapidated trailer somewhere, but if it has a nice sauna, we're good."

Like nakedness, meeting up with strangers felt new to the Rices.

But they've enjoyed friendly hosts and fascinating conversations with people who, like them, appreciate the rich tradition more than the health benefits. A recent study by the Mayo Clinic found that regular saunas could be as beneficial as exercise, reducing high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and other conditions.

That study, sauna purists point out, focused on folks sauna bathing in traditional ways.

"Once people figure out that something is healthy, that pretty much guarantees we're going to ruin it," Christopher said. Fish oil tablets are a great example, he continued. "We find some way to make a pill. Infrared is mostly that — it's like the pill form of sauna."

"If we found out that sauna was just a little unhealthy, we'd still do it," he added. "If we found out that people who do sauna, on average, live three years less, we would still do it."

Three years after their first sauna, Julie and Christopher are in a better place. A good enough place that they could write about how bad things were. In an essay on their website, Julie detailed how, to the outside, their family seemed perfect, but they were really "like two strangers living in the same house." Sauna changed that.

"It's hard to be defensive and cruel when you're sitting naked next to someone, sweating profusely, feeling your heart pounding in your chest," Julie wrote. "It's hard to think about anything mean-spirited when the water hisses on the rocks and one dances through the sauna."

"It's hard to hate someone when you're cooling down next to the lake, drinking lemonade, watching the sunset, and feeling euphoric."

In their friends' backyard, the Rices swapped stories and stoked the fire. The first time the Rices' oldest kids took a sauna, "I didn't like it," said Nahlah, 10. "It was too hot."

"But now that heat would be cold to us," Rebecca said. "Because we didn't know what we were doing." As their parents' obsession swelled, taking them from one tiny Midwestern town to another, they've learned.

"Basically everywhere we go," Rebecca said, "my dad's like, 'Is there a sauna in the area?'"

## WEEKEND: MUSIC

# Pushing boundaries in country music is a risk, but it's turning Thomas Rhett into a superstar.

Thomas Rhett arrives at the American Music Awards on Oct. 9 at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. As the son of a successful songwriter, Rhett knows better than most the keys to a carving out a career in mainstream country music. Since becoming established, though, Rhett has achieved massive popularity largely on his own terms.

JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP



By EMILY YAHN  
The Washington Post

**I**s Thomas Rhett the first country star in history to use the word “Instagram” in a song? Rhett, 28, leans forward on a couch in a recording studio as he considers this. The social media reference is in “Life Changes,” the autobiographical title track of his third album, and his 11th No. 1 hit, which blared out of car windows this summer as it blew up on country radio.

“Well, FGL just did it,” Rhett pointed out. And it’s true, duo Florida Georgia Line name-checked the app in their recent single. However, Rhett smiled as he realized something else. “I’m for sure the only person to say ‘Uganda’ in a song, I would think, at least in this genre.”

When he launched his career as a college student in 2010, Rhett dutifully navigated Nashville’s traditional road to mainstream success: Earn credibility by writing songs for other artists, get a record deal and pay respects to radio.

Rhett, who hit it big with his third single after a couple of false starts, was determined to stand out from the pack of fledgling acts. In 2014, he released “Make Me Wanna,” which he called a “countrified Bee Gees” song. It went No. 1. Then he debuted “Crash and Burn,” an offbeat cut that had a 1950s doo-wop vibe. It rocketed up the charts. A few months later, when there weren’t a lot of love songs on country radio, the ballad “Die a Happy Man”—inspired by his wife, Lauren, who starred in the music video—became a six-week No. 1 and eventual triple-platinum crossover pop hit.

Rhett learned a lot in that unusual succession of events. Namely that despite what industry gatekeepers might advise, taking risks could pay off big-time. And you can never underestimate fans’ interest in songs about your personal life, from your wife’s newfound social media popularity (“Now she’s got her own set of fans, got a blue check mark by her Instagram”) to your adoption of a baby girl (“I remember the day I told my daddy and mama, ‘You’re gonna have a grandkid, yep, from Uganda.’”)

He’s continued on that path, earning a Grammy nomination this year for his “Life Changes” album, mixing pop, rock, R&B and EDM with country music, an eclecticism that’s fueling his rise as the genre’s next superstar. In addition to high-profile gigs outside of Nashville, such as appearing on “The Voice” this fall as an adviser on Kelly Clarkson’s team, he hopes to join an elite group of country artists: The ones who can play stadiums.

Only a handful of singers, such as Kenny Chesney or Luke Bryan, can attract enough fans. Until recently, it wasn’t on Rhett’s radar as a possibility. A couple years ago, he was headlining 3,000-seat clubs. Last year, when his manager told him it was time to take the jump to headlining arenas, starting around 12,000 seats, he initially balked.

“I said, ‘Please, no,’” Rhett recalled. He felt he had finally perfected being the perpetual “middle slot” at big shows, the hype man for more famous acts. “I asked, ‘Does anyone else want me to open for them? I need another year under my belt.’”

He eventually agreed, although he was somewhat terrified. Rhett hired a set designer and choreographer who both worked with Justin Timberlake and watched hours of YouTube videos of acts as diverse as Bruno Mars and the Beatles to get inspired. He and his band spent extensive weeks in rehearsal, determined to make every verse flawless. It worked.

“We sold out 70 or 80 percent of the shows—it completely exceeded all of our expectations,” Rhett said. “I was like, ‘Dang, we have created something here. ... How do we keep upping the game?’”

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# WEEKEND: MUSIC

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Rhett's introduction to country music started earlier than most. His father is Rhett Akins, one of Nashville's most successful songwriters. In the 1980s, Akins released a few albums and went on tour, where his son eagerly joined him when he could. Akins was thrilled his son shared his interest in music but didn't want to be the overbearing parent who pressured his kid to follow in his footsteps.

"You just knew that he was a natural at this," Akins said, recalling how Rhett would set up a video camera and play guitar, lip syncing to the Rolling Stones. "But we didn't know at the time he ever would pursue it."

Rhett (whose full name is Thomas Rhett Akins) attended Lipscomb University, a private Christian school in Nashville, although he was far more interested in playing shows at bars than attending classes. A few years into college, he played a songwriter event with his dad, whose publisher was in attendance and was impressed — he soon signed Rhett to a developmental deal. Within a year, Rhett co-wrote a song that wound up on a Jason Aldean album.

Virginia Davis, who is still Rhett's manager, also signed him at the time. "I was struck by the maturity and lyrically how evolved these songs felt, even though they were coming from a 19-year-old," she said.

Rhett landed a record deal at Big Machine in 2011, although his first couple of attempts at a radio hit didn't work: the twangy "Something to Do With My Hands" and heartfelt "Beer With Jesus." (The latter resulted in a few listeners calling him the Antichrist, Rhett once said.) Both singles died at No. 15, and new country singers need that first big hit before the label will release an album.

"I thought I had the curse of 15," Rhett said.

The curse ended with "It Goes Like This," a massive hit co-written by Akins, and the song propelled the label to release Rhett's 2013 debut album of the same name. Rhett got a boost of confidence to, as he put it, "really just try to be unashamedly me." Like many young country music artists, he grew up loving music from all decades and all genres.

By the time Rhett hit his stride on his second record ("Tangled Up" in 2015), which blew up thanks to "Die a Happy Man," he had found a dream team in songwriter-producer Jesse Frasure, an expert in progressive pop production, and Dann Huff, a hitmaker with rock, pop and country singers. Rhett blends all the ingredients on his albums, with a heavy R&B influence.

Frasure admitted that he was nervous initially — would country fans appreciate tracks like "Crash and Burn," or would they think they were too weird?

"I was just concerned that people weren't going to understand what we had been doing," Frasure said. "Was this trying to force some new sound?"

Luckily, it proved irresistible to many listeners, especially the younger demographic. The song "Vacation," a party song that rings similar to War's "Low Rider" (Rhett gave the group a writing credit), was a little too different for strait-laced country radio stations — yet it's one of the biggest moments at Rhett's concerts. His latest album has "Craving You," a beat-driven track featuring Maren Morris, right along with "Drink It Like Beer," a fiddle-heavy duet with his dad.

"He doesn't sit down and say, 'I'm going to write the most different song today.' His songs just come out pushing the envelope naturally," Akins said. "You have to learn that Thomas Rhett has always known since he was a kid, since he was old enough to know what was cool and what wasn't cool, he knows the trends before

they're going to happen."

While Rhett may have an instinct for what's cool, he's also gained a following for being unabashedly uncool.

On Instagram (he has 3.1 million followers, the second most of any country artist), he's pure dad as he excitedly posts videos and photos from a Drake concert, his house during game night, vacation scenes from Italy — and, most importantly, to his followers, his wife and kids.

Rhett's wife, Lauren Akins, has become a celebrity in her own right — she has nearly 2 million Instagram followers. At his concerts, he sees more signs that say "Bring Lauren Out!" than almost anything else.

"We were just saying (yesterday) you could probably put Lauren's name on a white T-shirt and it would probably be the hottest-sold item at his merch table," Frasure joked.

The couple briefly dated in high school and then reconnected toward the end of college, and they married in 2012. "They make marriage look so fun," one comment wistfully read on YouTube on the music video for "Die a Happy Man," which features the couple walking through a forest, sukkling in a hammock and taking in a sun-soaked boat trip. ("If I all I got your hand in my hand, baby I could die a happy man.")

The tabloid coverage around the couple picked up last year, after Lauren discovered she was pregnant — as they were in the middle of the process of adopting a baby girl, Willa Gray, from Uganda. Ada James' arrival a few months after Willa's

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**Rhett Akins**

Country songwriter and Thomas Rhett's father

inspired the lyrics of "Life Changes," which Rhett wrote with his dad, Frasure and Ashley Gorley. But in photos — Willa drawing, Ada's first birthday, the family playing on a swing set — he's just a dad hanging out with his family, and fans are obsessed.

"I've been asked before if the way that me and Lauren are on Instagram is strategic — there is zero strategy behind that," Rhett said. "The way we portray our life is exactly how we are."

It's been a tough adjustment on the road, as Rhett's career rose to another level in the midst of being a new father. Lauren brought the kids on tour with him, and suddenly, his work routine was turned upside down.

"Pre-show back then was a lot different than it looks right now," he said. "Now, it's putting one kid to bed and reading a book to another one, walking off the bus, going to see your band for the first time that day and then being like, 'OK, it's time to go in the rock star mode now!' It's a very weird shift."

Things will get even crazier, as his new goal is to not only play stadiums, but take his show international.

"I've really tried to take every year and go, 'How do we make this show look bigger than life?' or 'How do we make this record resonate with people not just in America, but people in the U.K. and Australia and Asia?'" he said. "I think that stems from writing a true story, and that's what country music is at the core, a true, genuine story."

## The Bottle Rockets

Bit Logic (Bloodshot Records)

As the world is running down, the Bottle Rockets offer a no-nonsense view of their surroundings through Brian Henneman's sharp songwriting and some rocking country guitar playing by John Horton.

"Bit Logic" is the Missouri band's 13th album since their 1993 self-titled debut — released when the Bottle Rockets were in the midst of the alt-country/Americana explosion.

To say little has changed since then would be an exaggeration because their lineup is different — with the current one intact for well over a decade — and might create an impression of stagnation. Au contraire. Henneman's keen eye for the complications in simple lives only gets sharper and Horton's guitar is ever more thrilling as is the rhythm section of founding member Mark Ortmann (drums) and "new kid" Keith Voegele, on bass since 2005.

"Bad Time to Be an Outlaw" has funky guitars parts coming at you from both speakers, like a roots-rock version of Television's "Marquee Moon." It adds itself to the long list of songs lamenting the glitz and marketing ploys of the Nashville scene. "My music's good but my income sucks," Henneman sings, a realistic grievance.

"Carrie Underwood don't make country sound / But she can afford it when shit breaks down," he intones later in the song.

"Human Perfection" finds beauty in immediate surroundings, while "Knotty Pine" is a tribute to a songwriting room ("a psychiatrist-treehouse composite"). "Highway 70 Blues" paints the frustration of an Interstate traffic jam and "Lo-Fi" reminds how technological advances sometimes diminish the fidelity of music listening.

"Silver Ring" ends the album on a tender note, as Henneman, whose voice combines Dave Edmunds, Levon Helm and John Prine, bears witness to a most crucial relationship, the one with your true love.

You'll have to find your own solutions, but on "Bit Logic," the Bottle Rockets offer some clues.

— Pablo Gorondi  
Associated Press

## Doyle Bramhall II

Shades (Provogue)

For some masters of the fretboard, changing their guitars is as far as they sometimes seem willing to go to create a different mood. Texan guitar ace Doyle Bramhall II — who also as singer, songwriter and producer has worked with Eric Clapton, Roger Waters and Sheryl Crow, among many others — might also be using different guitars on the 12 tracks on "Shades," but his conviction and commitment to a wide variety of sounds make him a particularly compelling performer.

It's all rooted in the blues, but "Shades" goes in several directions with nary a misstep, naturally integrating superstar guests like Clapton and Norah Jones, and achieving a steady flow no matter the style.

"Everything You Need" has an inspired Clapton solo and soulful R&B sounds to spare like Stevie Wonder, while Bramhall's vocals mesh perfectly with Jones' on "Searching for Love," one of those ballads that make you look around for someone to quickly dance slowly with.

The Tedeschi Trucks Band, with all his extended list of credits, helps Bramhall close out the album in style with Bob Dylan and The Band's "Going, Going, Gone" and its sage advice: "Do you and you and you and you and you and you and you and you."

In 2016, Bramhall broke a prolonged solo silence with "Rich Man," and "Shades" is an even more distinguished effort whose consistency Bramhall will hopefully try to emulate with greater frequency.

— Pablo Gorondi  
Associated Press

## Cloud Nothings

Last Building Burning (Carpark)

The struggle for great songwriters like the Cloud Nothings' Dylan Baldi is finding the right outlet for their ideas. Sometimes, they specialize in ferocious, frantic rock. Sometimes, they go for well-crafted indie-pop. On the Cleveland band's new album, "Last Building Burning," they strike a balance, but it leans on ambition and rage.

There's no doubt of the direction thanks to the punishing opener, "On an Edge," though the more tuneful, yet hard-hitting "Leave Him Now" and "In Shame" will keep you singing along as well as rocking out. On "The Echo of the World," the band shows how it has updated the classic grunge sound, with Baldi's plaintive voice cutting through the layers of guitars and cascading drum rhythms.

The epic, 11-minute, hard-rocking suite "Dissolution" shows how grand Baldi's ambitions can get, opening with a high-impact rant about "darkening your light" that flows into a wail of guitar feedback and then bashing drum solos before coming out the other side as focused as it started.

"Last Building Burning" also proves how much Cloud Nothings has grown since its breakout "Attack on Memory" without losing any of the fire.

— Glenn Gamboa  
Newsday





# WEEKEND: BOOKS

## Funny gals

Memoirs from Philipps, Robinson and Kemper are sure to brighten your day

By RACHEL ROSENBLIT  
Special To The Washington Post

Just in time for shorter, drearier days, a new crop of breezy celebrity memoirs has arrived from a trio of formidable women. While Ellie Kemper, Phoebe Robinson and Busy Philipps hail from different spheres of Hollywood, their offerings all include, a la Robinson, "lots of opinions about the minutiae" — which, she explains, "besides making people laugh, also helps pass the time, and considering the self-starting dumpster fire that is the world right now, focusing on the minutiae can be especially soothing and a welcome distraction." Well said.



### This Will Only Hurt a Little

Busy Philipps

Despite some indelible TV roles (Kim in "Freaks and Geeks"; Audrey in "Dawson's Creek"; Laurie in "Sugar Town"), actress Busy Philipps is most famous these days for playing herself. In her beloved Instagram stories, she's addressed her rapt audience pre- and post-colonoscopy; while locked out of her house in the rain at 3 a.m.; and from the Oscars after BFF Michelle Williams lost.

Being unfiltered — while brazenly insisting that nothing is sacred — clearly enticed the publishers of Philipps' memoir, "This Will Only Hurt a Little." She gamely opens up about her sometimes-fraught family life in suburban Arizona, her devastating early sexual experiences, including a teenage abortion, and all the withering ways the industry has continued to break her heart.

She spills about her lonely, drunken depression while shooting "Dawson's Creek"; her (thankfully untraumatic) encounters with Harvey Weinstein; and the very personal reason she started sharing Instagram stories in the first place — because her marriage was faltering. "Marc and I weren't talking," she writes. "I needed to talk to someone."

Philipps is fed up with Hollywood's sexist hierarchies and doesn't hesitate to drop names of the men she feels have abused their perch: She has unprintable things to say about "Freaks and Geeks" co-star James Franco, "Modern Family" creator Steven Levitan and Quentin Tarantino — who she was flattered to discover was a superfan until his controversial interview about Roman Polanski surfaced. She also calls out the ex-boyfriend who tried to take credit for her movie idea (for the hit comedy "Blades of Glory"), a thoughtless middle school classmate, a high school government teacher and on and on.

Philipps admits to some of her own foibles, though if there are any lessons learned or shades of growth, this reader missed them. (She even doubles down on a less-than-kind snap judgment: "Sorry, that's me. But it's true.") Still, for fans who hang on to her every diet tip and sweaty workout, Philipps' unabashed unabashedness is exactly what they came for.

### Everything's Trash, But It's Okay

Phoebe Robinson

In the two years since "2 Dope Queens" podcaster and comedian Phoebe Robinson released her best-selling essay collection about race and feminism, "No You Can't Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain," the 34-year-old Cleveland native has co-starred in a movie and played phone tag with Oprah.

But if you imagine Robinson's rising star would make her cultural insights any less relatable in her second collection, "Everything's Trash, But It's Okay," or that she'd feel any less like your own approachably honest bestie — the kind you'd want riding shotgun on a cross-country road trip so that her sneakily incisive tangents could stretch and weave like so many highway miles — well, you'd be wrong.

Robinson is nothing if not accessible. She peppers artfully comic anecdotes with in-on-the-joke abbreviations, winky hashtags and tangential, side-winding footnotes ("Now you know what it's like to date me," she jokes). She gushes over celebrity crushes, including Michael B. Jordan, whom she invites to "make some cocoa babies." And she cops to her own share of "trash," like ordering a pizza "because I didn't feel like washing a Granny Smith apple that was straight chilling in my crisper," or passing gas on a message table "in segments like it was a seven-course tasting menu at Spago."

Even when she gets serious, doling out hard-won insights about money, body shaming or the challenges interracial couples face, Robinson keeps her wits about her, framing an essay on intersectional feminism around an episode of "America's Next Top Model." Yes, there's room for levity amid the "Major Trash" that is the world right now — and thankfully, Robinson's sophomore effort has more than enough to go around.



### My Squirrel Days

Ellie Kemper

Ellie Kemper has played so many wide-eyed optimists so exceptionally well — "The Office's" blissfully naive Erin, "Bridesmaids'" sanguine Becca, "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt's" plucky titular rube — that it's hard to imagine she's sketched them from scratch. And in various essays throughout her autobiographical collection, "My Squirrel Days," Kemper reveals herself to be a "carefree, happy-go-lucky sweetie"; a "polite teacher's pet from the Midwest"; and "chatty and pony-like." In other words, the very kindred spirit of her alter egos.

But what those incredulous characters likely don't share with the real Kemper is her knack for satire. Having written for literary spoof site McSweeney's and the Bible of Irony, aka The Onion, before breaking into Hollywood, Kemper's essays aren't so much earnest recollections as caricaturesque sendups.

Describing how a transcendental meditation class derailed her wedding planning — after the method she'd learned to de-stress induced hours-long naps instead — she reflects that post-wedding, "I found that I no longer needed to turn to TM to calm my mind; as a now-wife, I found that tranquility by telling my husband everything that he does wrong instead. Look, I don't know why relationships work. I just know that ours does."

Kemper's musings run the gamut, from her devotion to SoulCycle, to her failed "Saturday Night Live" audition, to what comprised the "vomit mixture" in an infamous "Bridesmaids" scene. Overall, they're a bit like the characters she plays — maybe not the most cerebral, substantive or compelling, but charming when you least expect it.

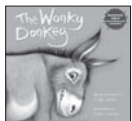
## Viral video of grandmother reading picture book 'Wonky Donkey' helps boost sales

By HILLEL ITALIE  
Associated Press

The country's hottest book isn't a hit because of Oprah Winfrey or Donald Trump. It's all because of a laughing Scottish grandmother. Thanks to a viral video of Janice Clark reading Craig Smith's "The Wonky Donkey" to her baby grandson, and her breathless amusement over lines such as "he was a honky-tonky wonky wonky donkey," the 2009 picture book about a three-legged, one-eyed donkey has sold more than 100,000 copies in the United States this fall, much of it in the last two weeks. According to NPD BookScan, which tracks around 85 percent of the print market, "Wonky Donkey" topped all releases with more than 90,000 copies sold two weeks ago, beating out Bob Woodward's "Fear" and Rachel Hollis' "Girl, Wash Your Face," among others. "You can't ask for a better endorsement

of your creation than when the person reading your book is having a better time than the child being read to. Janice's infectious laughter was an absolute delight!" wrote Smith, a New Zealand-based musician and author, in a recent email. "Remember, this viral sensation came about because a grandmother read a BOOK to her grandson, albeit a very special grand-mother."

"The Wonky Donkey," which was also created by Clark, had already sold hundreds of thousands of copies in New Zealand and Australia, where Clark, a native of Scotland, now lives. But until recently it had a much smaller audience in the United States. According to Scholastic, the book had sold about 75,000 copies and was out of print before the video



caught on last month.

The video was shot by Clark's daughter, Fiona Clark. In an email, Fiona Clark wrote that she had purchased a copy of the book from a second-hand store, knowing her mother would love it. In July, she posted the video on her Facebook page.

"At that stage it was friends only," Clark wrote. "Then a lady in my sewing group asked what her son could wear for book week as he wanted to go as donkey. That's when I shared the video publicly. By August 30, the author had seen it and got in touch. That's when it went on YouTube to share with the wider audience — we also created a Facebook page for granny. We all watched as the views went up and up. We're completely blown away by the number of people who have watched and shared the video."

On his website, craigsmith.co.nz, Smith identifies himself as a creator of "crispy, easy listening, children's and some-

times humorous acoustic music." He has released numerous books and records, including picture stories such as "The Drizzly Bear" and "The Scariest Thing in the Garden."

"The Wonky Donkey" written out as a children's song, started by Smith more than a decade ago.

"I was sitting at a table at Te Anau Rugby Club rooms in the South Island of New Zealand one night with my mates and family and we were exchanging jokes," he wrote recently. "A friend of mine told the joke, 'What do you call a donkey with three legs?' And the answer was, 'A wonky donkey!' Everyone sniggered and groaned."

"I went home and got my rhyming dictionary out," he said, "and the cumulative play on words and Wonky tale began. Being an entertainer and songwriter, I thought it would make a hilarious song."

## WEEKEND: TELEVISION &amp; DVD

## NEW ON DVD

“**The Americans: Season 6**”: One of television’s best series came to an end with this sixth and final season. Gone from TV is the much-honored story of two KGB spies posing as Americans in Washington, D.C., during the Reagan administration. The arranged marriage of Philip (Matthew Rhys) and Elizabeth Jennings (Keri Russell) has started to take on real meaning, but it is hard to deal with matters of the heart when there is so much life and death surrounding the pair. If you missed the last episodes or want to see them again, all the action leading to the finale is available through the set. What the final season shows is the pressure has become more intense as the protagonists have revealed their true identities to their teenage daughter, Paige (Holly Taylor). All this makes the series not only a brilliant spy thriller, but a deeply meaningful family drama.

“**Twilight**”: The production based on the book series by Stephenie Meyer is being released to mark the 10th anniversary. It’s easy to poke fun at the series, as the later offerings in the franchise had too many soap opera elements. But director Catherine Hardwicke’s initial film did a nice job of setting up the love triangle between a girl (Kristen Stewart), a vampire (Robert Pattinson) and a werewolf (Taylor Lautner). If you haven’t seen the film in a decade, it’s a good time to remind yourself why you were either Team Jacob or Team Edward. The “Twilight” 4K Ultra HD Combo Pack includes hours of special features and includes a never-before-seen featurette.

Also available on DVD:

“**Vera: Sets 1-7 Collection**”: Brenda Blethyn plays Detective Chief Inspector Vera Stanhope, a cantankerous but brilliant detective who solves crimes in northeast England.

“**Sorry to Bother You**”: Surreal look by Boots Riley at capitalism, corporate greed and fractured workplace dynamics.

“**Vengeance**”: An ex-soldier turned mercenary is determined to avenge the death of his best friend.



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“**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again**” is now available on DVD.

“**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again**”: Tells present-day story of Sophie Sheridan (Amanda Seyfried) as she prepares for the grand reopening of her mother’s hotel and 1979 tale of when Donna (Lily James) finally arrives on the island.

“**An Elephant’s Journey**”: A 13-year-old boy forms a bond with an elephant while on safari.

“**Patient Zero**”: An asymptomatic victim (Matt Smith) who can communicate with the infected must lead the last survivors on a hunt for Patient Zero and a cure.

“**Snake Outta Compton**”: Giant mutant snake disrupts the record deal for a hip-hop crew.

“**Creepshow**”: Stephen King and director George A. Romero create five shocking tales.

— Rick Bentley/Tribune News Service



Comedy Central

# Fresh face

## Meet Jaboukie Young-White, the newest ‘Daily Show’ correspondent

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI  
Chicago Tribune

On New Year’s Eve, comedian Jaboukie Young-White posted an image of himself in his first movie, the 2017 Scarlett Johansson comedy “Rough Night.” He played an extra at a costume party, but you couldn’t quite blink and miss him: Young-White was dressed as Sacha Baron Cohen’s Borat character, in a fake mustache, fake perm and a very unflattering one-piece lime green swimsuit that barely held everything together.

It was, if nothing, confident, and he wrote about that image. “2017 was a terrible year for me as a black/queer person but a GREAT year for me as a writer/performer.”

Young-White grew up in Harvey, Ill., and at 24, has become one of those rising talents whose name appears on lists of people to know to stay culturally relevant: Rolling Stone’s “25 Under 25,” Variety’s “10 Comics to Watch For,” et al. In the past year he has joined the writing staffs of two of Netflix’s best shows, the true-crime parody “American Vandal” and “Big Mouth,” an almost unbearably spot-on animated comedy about young love and hormones (the show’s second season just landed on the streaming service). And recently, he became a correspondent on “The Daily Show with Trevor Noah,” explaining to the host why millennials don’t vote and why he shouldn’t need an ID to vote: “If you want my ID, my Uber is the best ID there is. It’s got my face. It’s got my name, my driver’s license will tell you where I once lived.”

He has turned a talent for the concise Twitter-friendly quip. — “A Chicago hot is a New York cute, and a New York cute is an L.A. shunned” — into a breakout moment.

But so far, what Young-White is best known for happened on “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,” a few weeks before that New Year’s Eve posting. In a five-minute set, he carried himself like a stand-up veteran, joking about millennial poverty, racial identity and hitting on a male Uber driver.

After the set, he posted on Twitter:

“I just came out to my parents on national tv.”

When I caught up with him recently, the new season of “Big Mouth” had arrived hours earlier, and a few hours before that, Young-White had made his second appearance on “The Tonight Show.” The following interview is an edited, condensed version of a longer phone conversation.

**How did your family react to you coming out?**

My mom was immediately supportive; my dad is only now coming around. A lot of the circles and spaces I am in, being gay is so blasé at this point, it just means nothing. But after that set, the dual-sidedness of America hit, and I heard a lot of “It meant so much to see a queer person of color on TV,” but also all this totally angry vitriol too — so I was like, oh, wow, I guess we do have a long way to go.

**I don’t know if this is still applicable, but a stand-up set on “The Tonight Show” used to mean a make or break for a career — do comics still feel that pressure doing that show? Never mind coming out on national TV, you just didn’t appear nervous.**

I don’t give energy into being anxious, but that pressure is there — that is still a huge audience. I still have people who say they only caught the clip. But when I did it, I was thinking, “It’s only this room of 200 people, with cameras.”

**You write about the fluidity of identity — in New York everyone thinks you’re Puerto Rican, in Chicago everyone thinks you’re mixed race and in CVS, everyone thinks you’re shoplifting. If you’re being seen differently depending on the context of where you are, does that affect the writing itself?**

Oh, it does. Because stand-up is not just material, it’s how people see you, and you have to be aware. I brush up against that issue because the way I look and present myself, people assume a certain background and I often have to dispel. I rarely meet someone who has me pegged, so I find myself explaining. My parents are Jamaican immigrants and both have a multi-racial background. They’re Jamaican, but my genetic makeup is West African, European, Asian. My parents would watch “Saturday Night Live” and there was this one Jamaican comedian named Oliver

Samuels and they would get his DVDs — the Jamaican Tyler Perry, basically. I think I got into comedy because it was a shorthand establishment of social mores and codes, so it’s how I learned American culture and customs. Because I grew up in a traditional family and the things that (everyone knows) like... the Beatles! It was not passed down to me. So my firsthand American experience starts in like... 2004. Comedy was a way of catching up.

**Is it true you were homeless in Chicago?**

I never got to the point where I was checking into a shelter, but there were periods with my family that were weird because I was not out to them and I didn’t want to risk the morsel of financial stability they were providing, but I couldn’t go home and stay in the closet anymore. So I spent a couple of summers in Chicago, no income, sleeping on friends’ couches. Then I dropped out of DePaul and went to New York with, like, \$1,000 and was, “OK I might need assistance here.” Then I found cheap rent (in Brooklyn).

**How did you end up writing for two shows?**

I don’t know if it was one reason. I think we’re past the point in entertainment where you can have one thing and explode. If you have one thing, people ask, “Alright, what else?” You have to be multi-hyphenate. Which is sad, but I always wanted that. I know a lot of people who are amazing stand-ups who just want to do stand-up, but they do not see the same opportunities as people who do a lot of things.

**You’ve become known for working on jokes in plain sight on Twitter, and I wonder, a lot of comics say they have material online, but isn’t it a worse place to try out their jokes — way worse than, say, a small open mic? Isn’t there a risk of doing damage to a career by failing on Twitter?**

In a lot of ways. There was a joke I just did on Jimmy Fallon that I tweeted first and after it exploded I noticed (similar posts) that it did not credit me. It’s weird how you can lose credit. The last time I did “The Tonight Show,” some people were, “This guy steals jokes from Twitter!” Which forces you to go, “No, that was me — those were my jokes!”

# WEEKEND: HEALTH & FITNESS

Dr. Altaf Saadi, a neurologist at UCLA, said the KHN article revealed a "blind spot" in her clinical practice. After reading it, she looked up the American Academy of Neurology's advice on treating dementia patients. Its guidelines suggest that doctors consider asking about "access to firearms or other weapons" during a safety screen—but they don't say what to do if a patient does have guns.

Amid a dearth of national gun safety data, there are no scientific standards for when a health care provider should discuss gun access for people with cognitive impairment or at what point in dementia's progression a person becomes unfit to handle a gun.

Most doctors don't ask about firearms, research has found. In a 2014 study, 58 percent of inter-nists surveyed reported never asking whether patients have guns at home.

"One of the biggest mistakes that doctors make is not thinking about gun access," said Dr. Colleen Christmas, a geriatric primary care doctor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and member of the American Neurological Association. Firearms are the most common method of suicide among seniors, she noted. Christmas said she asks every incoming patient about access to firearms, in the same nonjudgmental tone that she asks about seat belts, and "I find the conversation goes quite smoothly."

Recently, momentum has been building among health professionals to take a greater role in preventing gun violence. In the wake of the Las Vegas shooting that left 58 concertgoers dead last October, more than 1,300 health care providers publicly pledged to ask patients about gun ownership and gun safety when risk factors are present.

The pledges came in response to an article by Dr. Garen Wintemute, director of the Violence Prevention Research Program at the University of California-Davis. In response to feedback from that article, his center has now developed a toolkit called What You Can Do, offering health professionals guidance on how to reduce the risk of gun violence.

In a nation bitterly divided over gun ownership issues, in which many staunchly defend the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment, these efforts have met dissent. Dr. Arthur Przebinda, director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, framed Wintemute's efforts as part of a broader anti-gun bias on the part of institutional medicine. Przebinda said asking physicians to sign such a pledge encourages them "to propagandize Americans against their constitutionally protected rights to gun ownership and privacy."

Przebinda said he gets several requests a day from patients looking for gun-friendly physicians. Some, he said, are tired of their doctors sending them anti-gun YouTube videos and other materials. His group, which he said has more than 1,400 members, has set up a referral service connecting patients to gun-friendly doctors.



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## Unlocked and loaded

### When should dementia patients retire their weapons?

By MELISSA BAILEY ■ Kaiser Health News

**S**ome patients refuse to answer. Many doctors don't ask. As the number of Americans with dementia rises, health professionals are grappling with when and how to pose the question: "Do you have guns at home?"

While gun violence data is scarce, a Kaiser Health News investigation with "PBS NewsHour" published in June uncovered more than 100 cases across the U.S. since 2012 in which people with dementia used guns to kill themselves or others. The shooters often acted during bouts of confusion, paranoia, delusion or aggression—common symptoms of dementia. Tragically, they shot spouses, children and caregivers.

Yet, health care providers across the country say they have not received enough guidance on whether, when and how to counsel families on gun safety.

For doctors and other health professionals, navigating this politically fraught issue can be difficult. Here are the leading issues:

**Is it legal to talk to patients about guns?**

Yes. No state or federal law bars health professionals from raising the issue.

**Why don't doctors do it?**

The top three reasons are lack of time, being unsure what to tell patients and not expecting patients to heed their advice about gun ownership or gun safety, one survey of family physicians found.

"There's no medical or health professional school in the

country that does an adequate job at training about firearms," Wintemute argued. He said he is now working with the American Medical Association to design a continuing medical education course on the topic.

Other doctors don't believe they should ask. Przebinda argues that doctors should almost

never ask their patients about guns, except in "very rare, very exceptional circumstances"—for example, if a patient is despondent or homicidal. He said placing patients' gun ownership information into an electronic medical record puts their privacy at risk.

**When should they broach the subject?**

The Veterans Health Administration recommends asking about firearms as part of a safety screening when "investigating or establishing the suspected diagnosis of dementia." The Alzheimer's Association also recommends asking, "Are firearms present in the home?" as part of a safety screening. That screening is part of a care planning session that Medicare covers after initial dementia diagnosis and annually as the disease progresses.

The American College of Physicians recommends physicians "counsel patients on the risk of having firearms in the home, particularly when children, adolescents, people with dementia, people with mental illnesses, people with substance use disorders, or others who are at increased risk of harming themselves or others are present."

Wintemute said he does not suggest all doctors routinely ask every patient about firearms. His group recommends doing so when risk factors are present, including risk of violence to self or others, history of violent behavior or substance misuse, "serious, poorly controlled mental illness" or being part of "a demographic group at increased risk of firearm injury."

**What should health care providers recommend patients do with their guns?**

The National Rifle Association and What You Can Do both offer tips on how to store guns safely, including using trigger locks and gun safes.

The Alzheimer's Association advises that locking up guns might not be enough, because people with dementia might "misperceive danger" and break into a gun cabinet to protect themselves. To fully protect a family, the organization recommends removing the guns from the home.

But health professionals might be reluctant to recommend that due to legal concerns, said Jon Vernick, co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research. Most states allow the temporary transfer of firearms to a family member without a background check. But seven states don't: Connecticut, Hawaii (for handguns), Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina and Rhode Island, according to Vernick. He recommends health professionals look up their state gun laws on sites such as the NRA Institute for Legislative Action or the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

In addition, 13 states have passed "red flag" laws allowing law enforcement, and sometimes family members, to petition a judge to temporarily seize firearms from a gun owner who exhibits dangerous behavior.



## WEEKEND: FAMILY

## COMMENTARY

## Smart idea?

Digital assistants can help kids, but maybe they shouldn't

By MAUREEN PASCHAL

Special to The Washington Post

The nightly negotiations between kids and parents over homework are frequently fraught because of the drama brought on by parental pressures, tired kids and high expectations. So it's hard to fault anyone for seeking relief. Some parents hire tutors or homework coaches, but others are turning to a tireless assistant that sits on kitchen counters offering friendly, knowledgeable answers to seemingly any question — the family smart speaker.

Amazon, Apple and Google all offer voice-enabled smart speakers that can work as digital assistants and smart home hubs. According to the marketing firm comScore, 18.7 million U.S. homes have a smart speaker, and more widespread growth is projected. These devices perform many tasks, including giving the weather, helping find restaurants and turning on the coffeepot. Smart speakers are beginning to make an appearance in classrooms, too. A session at the International Society for Technology in Education conference for educators in May was dedicated to ways to use Amazon's smart speaker, Alexa, in the classroom.

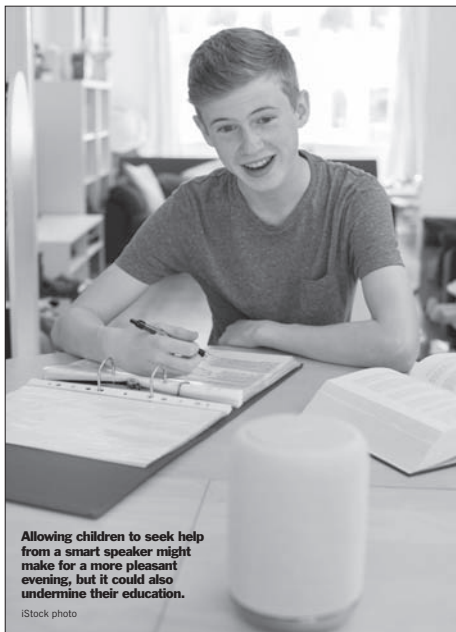
Once parents and teachers began modeling daily use of their smart speakers, perhaps it became inevitable that kids would begin asking the devices for help with their homework. But while it might seem like the same thing as asking a person, the two are different. Imagine an 8-year-old sitting with a math worksheet at the kitchen counter asking the speaker for multiplication facts. While a speaker would just spit out answers nonstop, most parents have the judgment to remind the child that maybe this is something they should have memorized by now.

Allowing a child to seek help from a smart speaker might make for a more pleasant evening, but it could undermine the foundation of their education. Here are some questions to help guide parents in deciding whether to let kids use smart speakers as a homework assistant.

### What is the purpose of homework?

Ideally, homework reinforces the learning that takes place in school. According to the National PTA, the best homework assignments do not involve learning new material at home. That means homework is often practice, memorization or drill.

While tedious, such activities form the foundation of a child's ability to perform higher-order skills,



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such as applying complex math concepts. Evidence is also mounting that knowledge is a crucial prerequisite for reading comprehension. Kids need this foundation because, in the edu-speak of Bloom's Taxonomy, knowledge is the necessary precondition for putting skills and abilities into practice.

Before allowing a smart speaker to act as a homework helper, determine the purpose of the assignment. If it requires practicing a skill learned at school or memorizing important facts, using a smart speaker could hinder long-term education.

### How do kids learn best?

Think about the struggle to learn to tie a shoe — it takes focus, practice, failure and a lot of determination. The best learning occurs through something education researcher Robert A. Bjork describes as "desirable difficulties," or situations that require us to work for the knowledge. Studying in different rooms, creating your own study questions and taking breaks between study sessions are all proven techniques for learning material. Each forces the brain to stop, apply the new information and dwell on it subconsciously. When a child has quick and easy access to information, such as with a smart speaker, the desirable difficulties evaporate, because acquiring the answer is quick and easy. Information so easily acquired is also easily lost, and lost information during tonight's homework equals missed knowledge over time.

### What is the source of the information?

Some kids struggle with understanding that their smart speaker is not the source of the information it shares. Even though it has a human

voice, it doesn't actually know anything; it just relays information from websites such as Wikipedia or Yelp. I have seen intelligent students struggle with this concept. Sometimes students will ask me how to cite information from a smart speaker. I remind them that, just as we don't cite our computers but instead cite the original source the computer shows us, we do not cite a smart speaker.

When parents hear kids asking a smart speaker for information, they should challenge them to identify the source. Is it reliable, or academically acceptable? Many schools do not allow students to use Wikipedia or Spark Notes. If that is true for your school, it is even more crucial for students to know their smart speaker's source of information. Failing to check sources means running the risk of violating the school's academic standards.

### When can it help?

The home smart speaker can be a useful homework tool, if used correctly. The timer function is quick and easy, and can help tired, squirmy kids to stay focused. Or you can use it to play white noise or background music while studying. It can also be useful for checking homework, by verifying answers once students have completed the assignment. The extra reinforcement of doing the work, asking the speaker and then listening to the answer would benefit any child.

And it's fine to use a smart speaker for an occasional information grab, because asking it a question isn't as simple as it might seem. Choosing the right key words can encourage a child to think in different ways about the information they are seeking, which is excellent for learning.

## THE MEAT AND POTATOES OF LIFE

Lisa Smith Molinari



## Trick or treatment: Our motives revealed

I'm not sure what it says about me, but I've always gone for a Halloween costume that was funny. While I'd like to believe that it means that I'm mentally secure and don't mind being the butt of a joke, I'm sure a clinical psychologist would diagnose me with some kind of personality disorder and recommend long-term therapy.

It all started in the fall of 1978 when I was in the seventh grade. My junior high school was having a costume dance, and I was determined to make my mark on the social scene.

Like other girls my age, I laid in bed at night dreaming of cute boys asking me to dance, and how one dance would turn into a whirlwind middle school romance replete with love notes, locker visits and hand holding. "Heavy sigh"

But unlike other girls, I hadn't quite figured out what I needed to do to attract a young suitor. The only thing I knew was, when I did something funny, I got attention.

So, I painted my face, hair and Pumas green. I cut two holes for my legs into a white sheet and tied the ends around my neck. I stuffed the torso to create a tear-drop shape and wore a crown of long green pipe cleaners.

Voilà! My Human Onion costume was complete! Upon entering the gym on the night of the dance, I could see that no one had a sense of humor as sophisticated as mine. I noticed lots of tiaras and bunny ears, but no other vegetables or even fruits for that matter. The boys would be amazed at my comedic genius; it was only a matter of time before I was asked to dance.

As my tiarad and bunny-eared friends were called onto the dance floor one by one, I waited. And waited. And waited.

Strangely, not one boy asked me to dance that night. Just as I began to question my strategy, the costume contest results were announced.

Although I would have preferred a cute boyfriend to the Boontown Rats album I received as a prize, winning first place in the competition confirmed that my sense of humor was my best asset. And I've been wearing funny costumes ever since.

Many studies have been done on the psychology of Halloween costume selection. What does it say about a person who picks a sexy, scary, political, whimsical, heroic or funny costume?

Some say that people who dress up like French maids, saucy pirates and sexy cats want to express their sexuality without the consequences of violating social norms. That might be true, but it's annoying when these people sexualize things that were never sexy to begin with.

The few maids I've encountered were sturdy women with thick backs and callused hands. None of them wore flouncy miniskirts, and I'm pretty sure one or two had facial hair. Although I've never met a pirate, I would imagine the real-life female version would be missing teeth, eyes and limbs, and probably have horrible breath. And whoever thinks cats are sexy has never scooped out a litter box or watched a cat hack up a hairball.

Let's face it. People who put on sexy costumes are simply using Halloween as a pretext to strap on a push-up bra, fishnet stockings and pumps.

And that goes for you women, too.

Experts also claim that other costumes indicate psychological issues. People who pick scary costumes are conquering fears from childhood. People who dress like politicians enjoy provoking conflict. Those who portray nuns, priests, schoolteachers and librarians are shy and unapproachable. Cops, firefighters, doctors, cowboys and heroes desire to be taken more seriously. People who choose storyboard or cartoon characters want to recapture the innocence of youth.

Apparently, any costume we pick will reveal deep-seated narcissism, paranoia, attention-seeking, psychosis, rage disorder, gender issues or savior complex. There's no escaping it. So, unless you plan to sit at home compulsively gorging on your kids' rejected Almond Joys on Halloween night — not that I've ever done that — just put on a costume and let your freak flag fly.

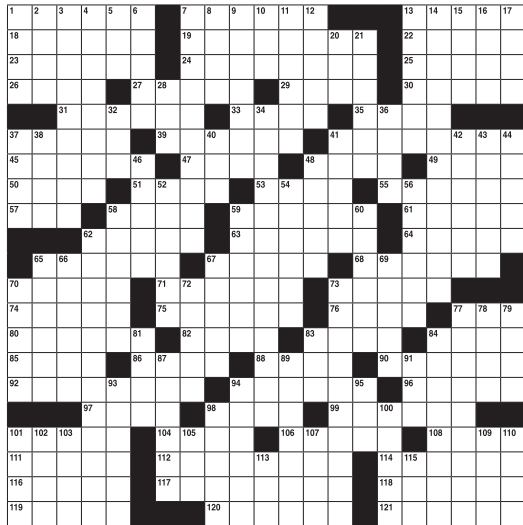
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# WEEKEND: CROSSWORD AND COMICS

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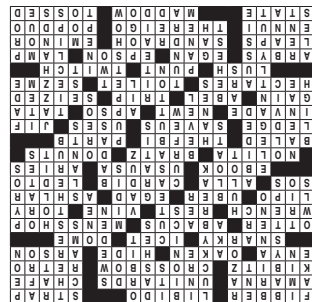
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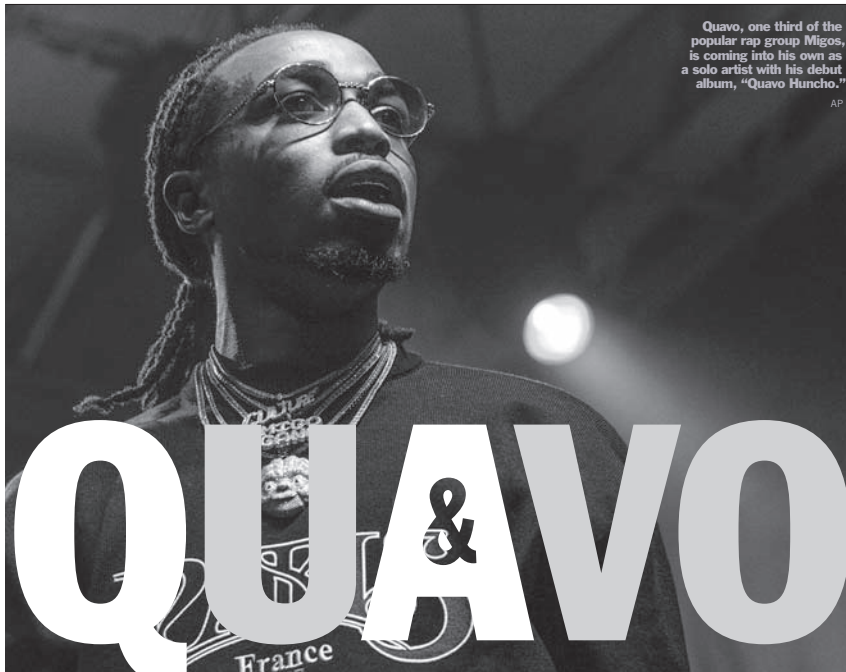
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## FACES



Quavo, one third of the popular rap group Migos, is coming into his own as a solo artist with his debut album, "Quavo Huncho."

AP

## Megyn Kelly absent after blackface remarks

Megyn Kelly was absent from her NBC morning show with questions swirling about whether her time at the network might be at an end following this week's controversy over her comments about blackface.

An NBC spokeswoman said Thursday that "given the circumstances," the network was airing repeats of "Megyn Kelly Today" Thursday and Friday.

During a segment on Halloween costumes on Tuesday, Kelly said dressing in blackface was acceptable when she was a kid if portraying a character, and expressed sympathy for a character in "Real Wives of New York" who darkened her face for a Diana Ross costume.

She apologized later in the day and on her show Wednesday, but there were published reports Thursday that her time at NBC is over. NBC didn't comment on those reports Thursday.



AP

Megyn Kelly might be out at NBC after defending the use of blackface for Halloween.

## Migos rapper on cutting collaborations, his solo album and Drake's beefs

By JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.  
Associated Press

Quavo may be one-third of the uber-successful hip-hop group Migos, but he's also a rapper in high demand, appearing as a featured act on Top 10 hits by Post Malone, DJ Khaled, Drake and Liam Payne.

The 27-year-old star said he was collaborating with others so much that he had to turn down work so he could completely focus on his first solo album, "Quavo Huncho," released Oct. 12.

"Right now, I'm just going to chill and work my album and calm down on features," he said. "I just want to tuck away and go into kill mode with this album. ... I've turned down projects all the time. Not on some disrespectful-type (stuff), but I don't want to oversaturate my sound."

Quavo, who has appeared on tracks by Camila Cabello, Major Lazer, Halsey and Iggy Azalea, also co-wrote Beyonce and Jay-Z's hit song "Apes-t." His new album features collaborations with Madonna, Cardi B, Drake, Travis Scott and Lil Baby.

Migos, which includes Offset and Takeoff, are on tour with Drake. In an interview at his Huncho Hoops celebrity youth basketball game in Los Angeles, Quavo talked about watching Drake end rap beefs with Meek Mill and Chris Brown on the tour, new Migos music and more.

**AP: You're the first member of Migos to release a solo project. Will Offset and Takeoff follow suit this year?**

Quavo: Yes, I don't know the exact dates. But Takeoff will be next and (then) Offset will come.

**How about new Migos music?**  
We'll be at the top of 2019. We're going to hit them with "Culture III."

**Did you envision yourself and Migos being this successful?**

Nah, I never really did see myself as a stand-alone. We never really saw ourselves having solo careers. We came in as a group.

We were trying new ways and new sounds. It's all about growth. When we were coming as a group, we weren't thinking about kids, marriage or, like, real stuff. Seeing Offset have his wife (Cardi B) and kids, it makes you want to grow up. We all can't stay in the same house no more.

**What have you and the group learned from being on tour with Drake?**

The more and more we hit the stage, our chemistry becomes a lot stronger. Our sounds are better, our ad-libs come more in pocket. Then coming back off the stage and watching Drake, seeing how he controls

the crowd on his solo approach, we learn so much both ways.

**You saw Drake squash his differences with Chris Brown and Meek Mill. How do you feel about rap beefs in general?**

It's good when two players, two brothers, two black men come together. We don't need to be shooting at nobody. There doesn't need to be any violence. If you can just sit down and talk, you can work it out. That's the best way instead of pulling out guns.

**What compelled you to hold the Huncho Hoops basketball game?**

I'm happy to bring this idea into physical form. These are my dreams that I want to do for the kids. Just for myself as an artist, I really wanted to touch the people. So instead of taking pictures all day, I want to throw functions for them.

I just want to be a big bro, like a mentor to the people following my footsteps. I know both worlds — I know how it is to be a musician and trying to play ball. I know how it is for a kid in high school trying to make it, but you don't and you need another plan. I know how to be a star and control stardom. And once you get there, staying humble, learning how to practice and being focused (is the key).

**You just renovated the home you grew up in in suburban Atlanta. What are you doing with it?**

I want to put kids (in the home) from Gwinnett (County in Georgia) who don't have a good home or (have a) single parent who is sick and unable to work. Like, I couldn't play football my eighth-grade year because my mom had a staph infection. Stuff like that can mess up a kid's mind and make them feel like they're not good enough. I want to put like three or four kids in the house and let them go to my old school. I want to give them spiritual inspiration.

## Ice-T arrested after failing to pay bridge toll

Police arrested Ice-T after he failed to pay a toll at the George Washington Bridge.

Authorities said the actor and rapper was ticketed for theft of services Wednesday when he drove through an E-ZPass lane leading to the span connecting New Jersey and New York. The 60-year-old, whose real name is Tracy Marrow, was driving a new McLaren sports car and was also ticketed for not having license plates and registration.

Ice-T reportedly forgot his electronic toll transporter and has them for his other vehicles.

Ice-T tweeted "Cops went a little Extra. Coulda just wrote a ticket. In and out...Moovin'."

He later tweeted a photo of himself filming scenes in Manhattan for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," in which he plays Sgt. Odafin Tutuola.

## Study: Network TV hits record LGBTQ high

A study says a record-high percentage of LGBTQ characters are part of the new network TV season. The annual study by media advocacy group GLAAD also found an increase in the characters' ethnic diversity, with slightly more LGBTQ people of color than white for the first time.

While the percentage of LGBTQ characters on scripted broadcast shows hit an all-time high of 8.8 percent of all series regulars, GLAAD says that number falls short.

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## OPINION

## Saudi royal family tight amid Khashoggi crisis

By DAVID IGNATIUS

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Of all the people who have anguished responses to the death of Jamal Khashoggi, Prince Turki al-Faisal is a special case. This pillar of the Saudi establishment says in an interview that he is "shocked" by the loss of his longtime protégé, but is standing behind King Salman and the crown prince during this period of crisis.

"People who think there's going to be any change in the succession are wrong," Turki said, rebutting speculation that Mohammed bin Salman might be replaced as crown prince because of allegations that he authorized the events leading to the death of Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributor. Instead, he said, Saudis are more supportive of MBS, as he's known, because he's under attack.

"The more criticism there is of the crown prince, the more popular he is in the kingdom," Turki said. "If you took a poll among Saudis today, you would find that he is more popular than he was two weeks ago. That's because Saudis feel that their leader is being unfairly attacked in the foreign media. That's true of the royal family, as well. They feel that this is an attack on Saudi Arabia and the royal family, not just Mohammed bin Salman."

There's no way to verify these claims of popular support for MBS. But it's significant that this pro-palace view is being expressed by Turki, who as a former intelligence chief and ambassador to London and Washington spoke for a branch of the royal family known for its moderate views.

Turki's comments came on the eve of a statement by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that accused the Saudis of committing a "gruesome murder" but didn't reveal any new evidence that would confirm that Riyadh had staged a premeditated killing.

Turki talked with me Monday night at his residence in McLean, Va., for nearly 90 minutes. He described his meeting there the night before with one of Khashoggi's former wives and three of their children, to "convey condolences" from the king and crown prince. "We talked about old times when we were in Washington and London," Turki said.

A similar show of condolence took place in Riyadh, where MBS met Tuesday with Salah, the oldest of Khashoggi's children, who for months has been prevented from leaving the kingdom as part of an apparent pressure campaign against Khashoggi. A Saudi video showed Salah shaking hands with the man whose blame for the death of his father.

Turki said Khashoggi first came to his attention in 1988, after the journalist had made a reporting trip to Afghanistan for the Riyadh-based Arab News. Back then, "he never had links with Saudi intelligence, even at a lower level," Turki said. But when Khashoggi became an editor for Arab News in the 1990s, he and Turki met.

In later years, Turki became Khashoggi's benefactor, hiring him twice as editor of Al-Watan, the family-owned newspaper, and bringing him to London and Washington as a media adviser when he became ambassador.

"I was a person, he was affable, with a wonderful sense of humor, and he was a fastidious journalist. He took his profes-

sion seriously," Turki said. Like many of Khashoggi's other friends, Turki described a sense of optimism that was sometimes unrealistic. "I always told him, 'Come on, Jamal, stop joking. ... I don't believe that you are that naive. Get off it!'"

The two men became estranged about four years ago, Turki said, partly because of differing views on the Muslim Brotherhood. Turki said he would admonish Khashoggi: "It's a cult that has used terrorist actions to promote its views, under the guise of liberalism. He (Khashoggi) always answered, 'Yes, I've criticized them for that, and called on them to rejuvenate. They're archaic, and they need to change.'"

The Saudi royal family circles its wagons in times of crisis, and the conversation with Turki suggested that this moment is no different. "Vilification of Saudi Arabia is unjust and unfair," Turki insisted. He posed questions about whether MBS should broaden his base now to stabilize the kingdom and reboot his reform program known as Vision 2030.

"The people of Saudi Arabia are happy with the leadership because the leadership has produced a vision of the future and is working to implement that vision," Turki argued. "If they have revise or tweak or add to that vision, all the better. Vision 2030 is not divine revelation."

Turki said that when he heard confirmation of Khashoggi's death last weekend, "It was shocking. Until the very last minute I was hoping he didn't die."

Sometimes in death, people achieve goals that seemed impossible, naive even, in life. Whatever happens with MBS, Saudi Arabia will be different because of Khashoggi's murder.

## Thanks, Justice O'Connor, for the art of compromise

By NOAH FELDMAN

Bloomberg News

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, rebranded late in her career as the Notorious B.G., has recently been getting all the love due to a pioneering female Supreme Court justice.

But her colleague Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who announced Tuesday that she is stepping out of public life at age 88 because of creeping dementia, is just as important in the history of the Constitution.

Indeed, measured in terms of impact on the court, O'Connor had a much greater historical effect than Ginsburg, much of whose importance so far comes from her pioneering women's rights work as a litigator.

It's worth expanding the spotlight in this moment and celebrating O'Connor's extraordinary career now, while she is able to appreciate our appreciation.

O'Connor has always emphasized her Arizona upbringing on her parents' cattle ranch. Even her announcement Tuesday included the comment that "as a young cowgirl from the Arizona desert, I never could have imagined that one day I would become the first woman justice on the U.S. Supreme Court."

No doubt learning to ride and shoot left O'Connor strong and independent-minded. But she was also whip smart, by her own account finishing third in her class at Stanford Law School, just behind future Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

Probably the most significant part of O'Connor's early career was her service in the Arizona Senate, where she rather quickly was elected Republican majority leader. O'Connor turned out to be a skilled

negotiator, with extraordinary antennae for detecting the middle position on which compromise could be reached. This would turn out to be a harbinger of her distinct judicial approach.

It could be plausibly argued that no one who was not a chief justice influenced the Supreme Court more than O'Connor did, with the possible exceptions of Justices Joseph Story and William Brennan. For nearly a quarter century, she was the definitive swing vote on a court that decided almost all major issues by a 5-4 vote. Much of her career overlapped with what was technically the Rehnquist court, because he was chief justice. But in historical terms, it was really the O'Connor court.

Her influence was a compromising, moderate centrism. On issue after issue, O'Connor crafted decisions that fell between the bold rights expansion of the Warren court liberals and the aggressive, activist rolling-back favored by the swash-buckling conservatives led by Justice Antonin Scalia.

The centerpiece of O'Connor's centrism was Casey v. Planned Parenthood, which declined to overrule the Roe v. Wade abortion rights decision.

Court watchers, myself included, tend to emphasize the contributions of Justice David Souter, whose philosophy was reflected in the part of the opinion featuring respect for precedent, and Justice Anthony Kennedy, who contributed the philosophical defense of a woman's autonomy.

But the whole idea of crafting a jointly signed opinion would have been inconceivable without O'Connor. The opinion, not officially authored by any one of the three justices, was an innovation and a deviation from ordinary Supreme Court practice. It

reflected not only consensus centrism, but also a major step away from the cult of the individual justice. It's tempting to say that it's no coincidence that it was a female justice — the only one on the court at the time — who got her male colleagues to collaborate on this joint product.

That is not to say that O'Connor wasn't happy to go it alone. She was. Frequently, her opinions would determine the future course of the law — even though no one joined them. With four conservative votes and four liberal votes, she was able to determine not only who won the case but also what the precedent would be.

In some cases, such as the establishment clause, she invented a whole new way of looking at the meaning of the constitutional provision. Ultimately the majority adopted it.

Today, with the Supreme Court poised to enter an era with no obvious centrist swing vote, is the right moment to recognize how much we have all come to expect the court to have a wise, reasonable justice in the middle to craft pragmatic decisions that will work in practice. Our expectation is due entirely to O'Connor, who Justice Kennedy emulated after her retirement.

It's no surprise that O'Connor devoted herself to civics education after her retirement from the court. She always believed that citizenship demanded compromise and mutual respect.

Those are in short supply. We are going to have to learn to appreciate O'Connor's contributions through the lens of our current polarization.

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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

## Khashoggi murder just latest reckless action by Saudis

**The Washington Post**  
The murder of Jamal Khashoggi should spark a long-overdue recalibration of U.S. relations with Saudi Arabia and its reckless de facto leader, Mohammed bin Salman. In the past several years the crown prince has launched a series of foolhardy foreign policy initiatives that have damaged U.S. interests, including the killing of journalists, relations with Qatar and Canada and the kidnapping of the pro-American Lebanese prime minister. But the best place to start the U.S. readjustment is where bin Salman himself began: with the disastrous war in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia and its allies plowed into Yemen in 2015 after a northern rebel group, the Houthis, captured the capital and ousted a Saudi-backed government. Saudi officials confidently promised to make quick work of the Houthis. After more than three years of fighting, including the U.S.-backed bombing campaign that has killed thousands of civilians, the Saudi coalition, which includes the United Arab Emirates, has come nowhere near to achieving that objective.

Instead it has triggered what the United Nations describes as the world's worst humanitarian crisis and the most devastating atrocity in U.S. investigative press. The war were probable war crimes. Eight million Yemenis are in danger of starvation, and more than 1 million have contracted cholera — the worst such epidemic in modern history. Yet UAE forces, ignoring U.N. appeals, are besieging the port through which most of the food and medicine supplies are imported. The Saudis keep dropping U.S.-supplied bombs on civilian targets. On Aug. 9, one struck a school bus, killing at least 51 people, including 40 children.

The Saudis say they are countering Iran, which backs the Houthis. But the Houthis are an indigenous group with legitimate grievances, and the war has only enhanced Iranian influence. As has been obvious for some time, the only solution is a negotiated settlement. But the Saudis have done their best to sabotage a U.N.-led peace process. Talks planned for Geneva in September failed when Saudi Arabia would not grant safe travel guarantees to Houthi leaders.

Congressional concern about this strategic and humanitarian disaster has been mounting. In March, the Senate nearly approved a resolution cutting off U.S. aid, including refueling and targeting assistance. In the event, Congress opted to pass a bill that required the administration to certify that the Saudis were taking steps to minimize humanitarian casualties and facilitate humanitarian deliveries. Against overwhelming evidence to the contrary and the advice of State Department experts, the administration issued the certification that it was.

Khashoggi's death should resurface the issue, as senators from both parties are proposing. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., has been holding up a Saudi request to purchase precision-guided munition kits for his bombs; that blockage should be formalized, along with a ban on all other aid to the Yemen war.

Iran hawks will howl that the prohibition will work to Tehran's advantage. But the Trump administration's unquestioning support for what amounts to a sectarian crusade by Sunni Saudi Arabia against Shiite Iran needs an adjustment, too. Iran's attempt to establish itself as a regional

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hegemon should be resisted. But that can be achieved without buying into Mohammed bin Salman's own imperial — and unachievable — ambitions.

## A warning for Wall Street before embracing Democrats

**The Orange County (Calif.) Register**  
In the Trump era, buttoned-down, straight-laced conservatism is widely seen to have been replaced by wild-eyed, open-throated populism. Yet President Donald Trump has worked closely with Congress to deliver economic policies that big-business Republicans have wanted for decades. In a strange and important way, however, those gains aren't translating to political support. Wall Street is going blue — and making a big mistake.

At first blush, the statistics are surprising. New data from the Center for Responsive Politics show that, for the first time since Barack Obama was elected, America's financial community is poised to dish out more cash to Democrats than Republicans. Given the way grassroots Democrats rail against corporate America, it's especially odd to see boardrooms sour on Republicans.

Culturally, however, Wall Streeters have their reasons. On policy, they tend to talk a big game about the dangers of Trump's trade wars or the economic risks he runs by poor handling the European Union or rattling sabers in the Mideast and Asia.

But it's domestic considerations that are likely deepening their hue of blue. The "boardroom liberalism" that grew up in the Obama years has kept right on going. More than ever, financial elites embrace identity politics and progressive moralism out of principle or out of pragmatism.

These days, the only surefire way to defeat populist backlash against "plutocrats" and "the 99 percent" is by making a huge show of one's personal or institutional "weakness," spending big on progressive-approved causes, conspicuously advertising to groups with lots of political capital in liberal politics, and, well, giving money directly to incumbent Democrats and Democratic challengers.

The epitome of this turn of events is Michael Bloomberg, who recently re-registered as a Democrat. He understands as well as anyone that, today, there are no lead roles reserved in American politics for people in the mushy middle. If you're a wealthy member of the elite, the fact is you face pressure, inside and out, to pledge your allegiance to the ideology of the Left. Nevertheless, if Wall Street thinks they can come out on top by aligning against Republicans, they're in for a harsh lesson. For one, California politics has starkly shown how the combination of big money and radical politics produces a huge backlash, not to mention a big raft of costly and ineffective policies that end up increasing inequality.

Turning the country into California in that respect might be a progressive dream, but it will only alienate, outrage and mobilize more and more Americans against the financial elite.

Some Wall Streeters might think they've got a more clever rationale. Perhaps they could help move the Democrats to the center, staking out ground for a new moderate majority that sees big money as a big ballast for responsible governance. It's a nice thought, but it's irresponsibly off-base. The Obama years plainly showed that the progressive culture warriors who have captured the Democrats' agenda have no interest in being turned into squishy moderates. Certainly the wealthiest progressives, in Hollywood, Silicon Valley and beyond, feel this way.

Populism, the best way to curb populist excess isn't to be found in throwing its weight behind party ideologues Left or Right. It might feel scary to risk the wrath of the progressives, but the real danger will come from losing even more support on Main Street.

## Transgender people shouldn't have their identity in peril

**San Francisco Chronicle**  
The Trump administration is considering legally defining gender as a category determined by one's genitalia at birth, according to *The New York Times*. This radical change would essentially yank federal recognition from the estimated 1.4 million Americans who recognize themselves as a gender other than the one they were born into.

It's by far the most obvious attack on transgender people from an administration that has already made it clear it doesn't appreciate their contributions to society. (The Trump administration has also tried to ban transgender people from serving in the military.) It's also intrusive (no one asked for the government's opinion on their genitalia) and anti-science to boot.

The medical community interprets many aspects of an individual's physiology beyond genitalia to determine their sex. (The Trump administration would allow only genetic testing.)

Some people are born with characteristics that don't fit the typical definitions of male or female. These communities have spent decades educating society about the long-term harm they've experienced when doctors have assigned them a gender. Now they have to fear the government is doing the same thing.

Now the Trump administration's consideration of a fixed gender definition will lead to infinite legal, medical and social problems for transgender and intersex people.

What it won't do is force them out of existence. Transgender and intersex people have always been part of the human race, and none of the Trump administration's cruelties will change that basic fact.

## Compassion for the caravan fits with American ethos

**Deseret News, Salt Lake City**  
The United States has been a beacon of hope for people who are poor, mistreated or persecuted. That is a unique position on the world stage that must not be abandoned. Many Americans trace their roots to people who left harsh conditions in other countries in search of a better life in the United States, and their migration, despite often-harsh opposition, ultimately has blessed the nation and its economy.

So the first reaction upon seeing thousands of people marching from Honduras and other Central American countries toward the U.S. border should be compassion.

Journalists interviewing these people have uncovered stories about families fleeing gang violence and seeking hope for children whose future looks bleak in a country where the World Bank estimates 66 percent of the population is in poverty. In rural Honduras, about 20 percent of the people live on less than \$1.90 per day.

The people who make up the caravan are suffering deprivations and health problems, including swollen feet, lacerations and infections, as the Red Cross told 56 percent of the people are in poor health. Such hardship unless their lives reach a critical level of desperation. They speak about the hope of a better life in the U.S.

The second reaction should be concern about the need to handle these people in an orderly and humane manner if they should make it to the U.S. border. For many reasons, the United States cannot allow thousands of people to storm their way in with no vetting.

But the nation also should not cruelly separate families at the border, as it has in the past, while determining who stays and who is sent back to the border. The implications of such separations on the psyche of children and parents alike are likely to lead to many unintended consequences in the future.

An asylum-vetting process already is in place. The truth is that most in the caravan are not likely to be granted that wish. Recent statistics provided by the Syracuse University Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, *The New York Times* earlier this year said 75 percent of asylum cases originating with nationals from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala were denied between 2012 and 2017.

Despite President Donald Trump's assertions that Democrats are behind the current wave, most of those years were during President Barack Obama's administration.

Merely being impoverished or fearing for one's life is not an official reason to seek asylum. Immigrants must prove he or she is part of a persecuted group that is being targeted because of religion, race, nationality or as retaliation for political speech.

That does not mean the nation should turn its back on those who are desperate.

While the president obviously sees the emerging caravan as an opportunity for political gain ahead of midterm elections, his tweets, including unsubstantiated fears that the caravan is being infiltrated by international terrorists, are not helpful.

However, his threats to withhold international aid to Honduras and other Central American countries come closer to a productive response. Those nations are rife with official corruption that makes life unbearable for many of their citizens. Pressure could spur substantive changes that might make migration unnecessary.

While the president's administration should lay politics aside and resume efforts to pass meaningful immigration law. That would include a guest-worker system and a more realistic, fair and compassionate asylum policy.

Compassion for others and safety for all on both sides of the border should be the true measure of our nation's rich immigrant heritage.

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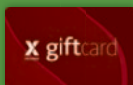
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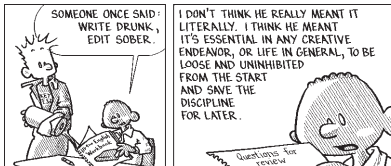
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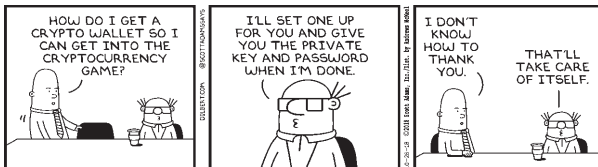


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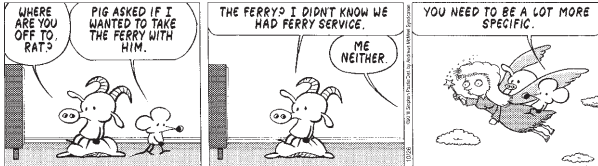
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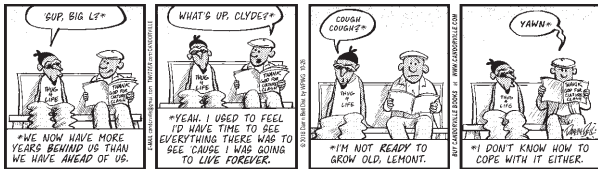
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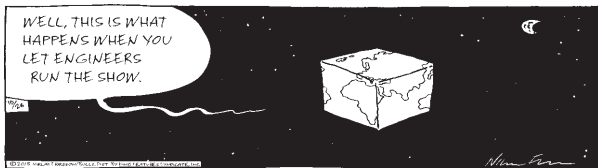
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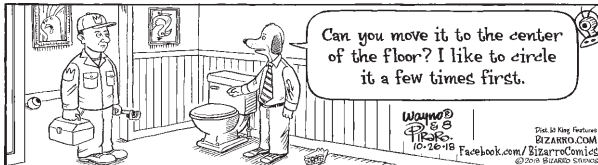
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- Cheese variety
- Nonwegian saint
- Mary-Kate or Ashley
- Perfect game pitcher Don
- Buffalo's lake
- List-ending abbr.
- Paid (up)
- Chip giant
- Not watertight
- Delivers a keynote
- April forecasts
- Lustrous black
- Motorist's org.
- Hosp. scan
- Marsh-like
- salts
- Gorilla
- Cheese variety
- Dawn goddess
- NASCAR advertiser
- Collectible cars
- "Love Story" author
- A Marx brother
- Island off
- Venezuela
- Unit
- Algerian port
- Part of N.B.
- Swelled head
- Before
- Bro's kin

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### 10-26

### CRYPTOQUIP

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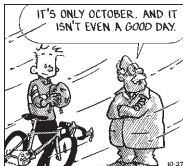
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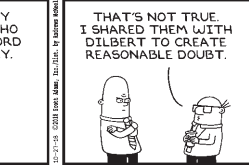
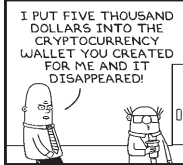
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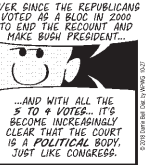
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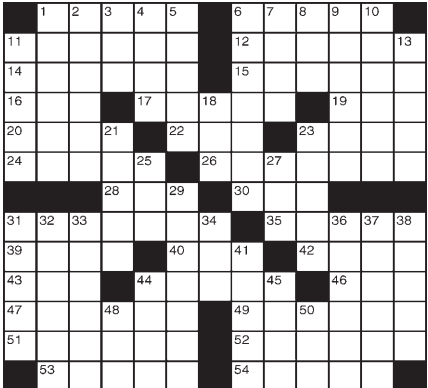
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## ACROSS

- Skedaddle
- Trudges
- Actress Plummer
- Puts back to zero
- Soda can opener
- Without a contract
- Aussie hopper
- Stallone role
- Coach
- Parseghian
- Sicilian peak
- Scale member
- Utah city
- Book keeper
- Office work surface
- "Shoo!"
- Extinct bird
- Nest locale
- Jack who eschewed fat
- Bring up
- Charlotte's creation
- Hebrides island
- Hosp. hookups
- Rid of rind
- R-V link
- Roadside trash
- Excellent
- Ogled
- Dahl of films

## DOWN

- Free of bumps
- "Scarface"
- Toronto's prov.
- Scent
- Spanish snacks
- Dilemma
- Carson's successor
- CIA forerunner
- Leave
- Sound system
- ski
- Rascal
- Chic, to Austin Powers
- Rags-to-riches author
- Giraffe's kin
- In shape
- "Mayday!"
- In the direction of
- Flutist's warble
- Critique
- Resurrection Sunday
- Capita lead-in
- 36 list
- "— and Cleopatra"
- Hosiery shade
- 41 Test versions
- Incubator noise
- 45 Grime
- 48 —la-la
- Mideast org.

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 10-27

## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF BIG, HAIRY SPIDERS FELL FROM THE SKY, MANY FOLKS WOULD BE CAUGHT IN A TARANTULA DOWNPOUR.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: S equals G



## NHL

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Toronto	10	7	3	0	14	38
Tampa Bay	8	6	1	1	13	29
Montreal	9	5	2	2	12	32
Boston	9	5	2	2	12	31
Buffalo	9	4	3	2	10	22
Ottawa	8	4	3	1	9	29
Florida	8	2	3	3	7	26
Detroit	9	1	7	1	3	20
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Carolina	10	5	3	2	11	29
Pittsburgh	7	4	1	2	10	26
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	34
New Jersey	7	4	1	2	8	22
Columbus	8	4	4	0	8	24
Philadelphia	9	4	3	2	8	31
N.Y. Islanders	8	3	4	1	7	22
N.Y. Rangers	9	3	5	1	7	24

## Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Nashville	9	7	2	0	14	31
Colorado	10	6	2	2	14	33
Winnipeg	10	6	3	1	13	31
Chicago	9	5	2	2	12	33
Minnesota	8	4	2	2	10	24
Dallas	8	4	4	0	8	23
St. Louis	9	2	5	2	6	25
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Vancouver	10	5	4	1	12	30
San Jose	10	5	4	1	11	31
Anaheim	10	5	4	1	11	25
Edmonton	9	4	3	2	10	27
Vegas	9	4	4	1	9	20
Calgary	7	3	3	1	7	18
Arizona	8	3	3	2	6	15
Los Angeles	8	2	5	1	5	17

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild card per conference advance to playoffs.

## Tuesday's games

Arizona 4, Columbus 1  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Florida 2  
Boston 4, Ottawa 1  
Montreal 3, Calgary 2  
San Jose 5, Nashville 4  
Chicago 3, Anaheim 1  
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 2

## Wednesday's games

Toronto 4, Winnipeg 2  
Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT  
Tampa Bay 1, Colorado 0  
Vancouver 3, Vegas 2, SO

## Thursday's games

Montreal at Buffalo  
Nashville at New Jersey  
Philadelphia at Boston  
Los Angeles at Minnesota  
Columbus at St. Louis  
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago  
Anaheim at Dallas  
Pittsburgh at Calgary  
Washington at Edmonton  
Vancouver at Arizona

## Friday's games

Tampa Bay at Vegas  
San Jose at Carolina  
Winnipeg at Detroit  
Ottawa at Colorado

## Saturday's games

N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia  
Edmonton at New Jersey  
Washington at Calgary  
Buffalo at Columbus  
Winnipeg at Toronto  
Montreal at Boston  
Colorado at Minnesota  
Chicago at St. Louis  
Pittsburgh at Vancouver

## Sunday's games

N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles  
Dallas at Detroit  
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina  
Edmonton at Chicago  
Ottawa at Vegas  
San Jose at Anaheim

## Leaders

## Goal scoring

Name, Team	GP	G
Auston Matthews, Toronto	10	10
David Pastrnak, Boston	9	10
Patrick Kane, Chicago	9	8
Gabriel Landeskog, Colorado	10	8
Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado	10	8
David Quinn, Washington	9	8
Patrice Bergeron, Boston	9	7
Alex DeBrincat, Chicago	10	7
Bo Horvat, Vancouver	10	7
Kyle Palmieri, New Jersey	10	7
John Tavares, Toronto	9	6
Viktor Arvidsson, Nashville	9	6
Michael Ferland, Carolina	9	6
Phil Forsberg, Nashville	9	6
Elias Lindholm, Calgary	9	6
Wayne Simmonds, Philadelphia	9	6
Johnny Gaudreau, Calgary	9	6
John Klingberg, Dallas	8	5

## Plus/Minus

Name, Team	GP	+/-
Gabriel Landeskog, Colorado	10	12
Mikko Rantanen, Colorado	10	11
Phil Forsberg, Nashville	9	10
Sebastian Aho, Carolina	9	9
Evan Johansson, Washington	9	9
Noah Juulsen, Montreal	8	9
Nathan MacKinnon, Colorado	10	9
Josh Mansson, Anaheim	10	9
Viktor Arvidsson, Nashville	9	8
Mathias Ekholm, Nashville	9	8
Ryan Ellis, Nashville	9	8
Mark Giordano, Calgary	9	8
Erik Johnson, Colorado	10	8
David Pastrnak, Boston	9	8
Jeff Skinner, Buffalo	9	8
Mikael Backlund, Calgary	9	7
John Hainsey, Toronto	9	7
T.J. Oshie, Washington	9	7
Kiefer Sherwood, Anaheim	10	7

## Around the league

## Equipment changes unpopular

## Smaller chest protector leaves goalies bruised

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

James Reimer keeps flinching and he doesn't like it. Several times in practice already this season, the Florida Panthers goaltender has braced for a shot up high because he is wearing smaller, more formfitting chest and arm protectors required by the NHL.

"I've never flinched in my life," Reimer said. "I consider myself a tough guy. I'm from the country. I can take a few bruises here and there. But at what point? At what point is one guy going to let one loose and a guy's going to break his arm?"

Those are some of the questions goalies around the league are asking, and some of them have the bruises to show for it after equipment changes agreed to by the NHL and the NHL Players' Association. Goalie pads and pants have already been tweaked with the overall aim of boosting scoring while rewarding athletic ability in the crease.

The league is trying to address concerns. The hope is to make goalies feel safe in chest protectors that are roughly an inch smaller and tighter to the body than past models.

"I think the guys that have tried multiple units, they've found something that has pleased them and they go out there and do their job," said NHL vice president of hockey operations Kay Whitmore, the former goalie who's in charge of this department at the league office. "I deal with each one of those guys on a daily basis and trying to make them understand what they need and what we can get them, and get them out there and feeling comfortable. It's been working."

Whitmore fielded complaints through training camp, but last week said the number has dwindled. Some goalies eased their concerns by adding some more padding or switching to another chest protector, while others are still dealing with the change.

Philadelphia's Brian Elliott complained of bruises early in the season in an interview with the Courier-Post, and two-time Vezina Trophy winner Sergei Bobrovsky of the Blue Jackets last week told the Columbus Dispatch he fears getting hit by pucks and called the equipment change "terrible." Coming off winning the Stanley Cup with Washington, Braden Holtby is less concerned about bruising and more worried about a significant injury.

"Sooner or later, someone's going to get hurt pretty bad,"



TOM MIHALEK/AP

Philadelphia Flyers goalie Brian Elliott, above, complained of bruises early in the season in an interview with the Courier-Post, because of a smaller chest protector mandated by new league rules.



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Florida Panthers goaltender James Reimer is tired of flinching in practice because he doesn't trust the new equipment he's wearing.

Holtby said after feeling the sting of a few shots at a morning skate. "You can deal with bumps and bruises and stuff. It's when you hear someone doesn't get a broken bone or some sort out of it. If they keep making things like that, they're going to have to start monitoring the stick technology because guys shoot so hard right now we'll have no choice but to be bigger."

**Mighty Quinn:** In his first season as Rangers coach, David Quinn hasn't been afraid to send a message to underperforming players of all ages by scratching them. Defensemen Kevin Shatennirk, Neal Pionk and Adam McQuaid and forwards Vladislav Namestnikov and Pavel Buchnevich have already gotten the healthy-scratch treatment. Shatennirk had two assists and a shootout goal in his second game back. Pionk responded to his benching with a three-point night and the message seems to be getting through to a young, rebuilding bunch.

"Guys have done a good job coming back from it," Quinn said. "This is all about making them the best player they can possibly be. We all need to be held accountable, and sometimes you need a little bit of a wakeup call. These guys have handled it well."





## WORLD SERIES/COLLEGE BASKETBALL



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Boston players stand beside a heater during the national anthem prior to Game 2 of the World Series between the Red Sox and Dodgers on Wednesday in Boston. The Red Sox won 4-2, and now lead the series 2-0 as it heads to Los Angeles.

## Cold: Down 0-2 to Red Sox, Dodgers welcome return to balmy Los Angeles

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but now third-oldest, sits atop 300 acres of land in Chavez Ravine near downtown Los Angeles, surrounded by tiered parking lots with palm trees beyond the fences and the San Gabriel Mountains shimmering in the distance.

While Fenway is urban tumult, Dodger Stadium symbolizes the sunny Californian way of life. But expect a pumped-up crowd for Game 3 on Friday, especially after Vin Scully's recorded call of "It's Time for Dodger Baseball!"

"It's going to be warmer, and hopefully our bats get hot, too," Cody Bellinger said.

**'We've got a tough road ahead of us, man.'**

**Matt Kemp**  
Dodgers outfielder

Used to the balmy breezes at home and usually hospitable weather in the NL West, Los Angeles hadn't started a game this year in a temperature below 58. Facing a 53-degree chill at the beginning of the opener, the Dodgers lost 8-4. It was just 46 in the first inning for Game 2, and the Dodgers' bats were cold again — their

last 16 hitters retired in order.

"This is the first time we've played in obviously warmer like this — San Francisco a little bit, but nothing like this," manager Dave Roberts said before the game. "So it's an adjustment, and that's part of the home-field advantage and especially being in the bullpen, where you have a little heater, but still have to kind of get hot and stay hot. It's more of a challenge."

No team has overcome a 2-0 Series deficit since 1996, when the Yankees lost twice at home to Atlanta before sweeping three games on the road and winning Game 6 in New York.

"We've got a tough road ahead of us, man," Matt Kemp said.

Ryan Madson was unusually open about how out of sorts the Dodgers were on late October nights in the Northeast.

"Last night in the bullpen, we had a couple of heaters going," he said before Game 2. "It was warm out there, but to get up and move around, I didn't feel as gummy as usual when it's 75, 80 degrees. So I'm

going to make that adjustment tonight, move around a little bit more. I'm going to tell the guys who didn't pitch last night, just move around a little bit more than usual, move your knee joints. But maybe they're young and they don't feel it."

Madson's problem was the lack of movement on his pitches, as well as a changeup he threw for a wild pitch in Game 1. Brought in to relieve Ryu and protect a 2-1 lead with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth a night later, he walked Steve Pearce and gave up a two-run single to J.D. Martinez before throwing a single off-speed pitch.

Dodgers pitching coach Rick Honeycutt was annoyed at the conditions experienced by his relievers in a bullpen just in front of the right field bleachers.

"Brutal. Pretty brutal," he told Sports Illustrated. "What I don't understand is why baseball allows it. You've got the rubber right there and people literally standing over you."

Fenway's frenzied fans benefit the Red Sox, a big league-best 57-24 at home during the regular season and 8-1 in the World Series since 2004.

"They live baseball 24 hours, seven days a week," said Boston manager Alex Cora, who played for the Dodgers from 1998-04 and for the Red Sox from 2005-08. "They were into every pitch. Two strikes, they stood up. Madson came in and he was wild, and they were screaming and they were loud. Sometimes we take them for granted, honestly."

When Los Angeles opened the Series at home last year, it was 103 degrees. A more temperate mid-80s is forecast for Friday, when rookie Walker Buehler starts against Rick Porcello in an attempt to spark a turnaround. With a right-hander on the mound for Boston, the Dodgers are likely to regain some of their power. Their top four home run hitters were benched in Boston: left-handed-batting Bellinger, Max Muncy and Joc Pederson along with switch-hitting Yasmani Grandal.

"We're going to shuffle it up for Game 3, but it's not because of necessarily performance, it's kind of who the starting pitcher for those guys is," Roberts said.

No matter what, Los Angeles will be unable to win its first title at home since 1963. But even if the Dodgers take at least two of three to force the Series back to Boston, they would still have to win at least once at quirky, noisy Fenway. There is no sign they can warm to the task.

## Convictions might broaden NCAA's punishing power

By JOHN MARSHALL

Associated Press

A federal jury found three men guilty of fraud charges for channeling secret payment to the families of top-tier recruits to influence their choices of schools, apparel companies and agents.

Wednesday's verdicts place the blame firmly on the men for exposing the universities to NCAA sanctions, essentially portraying the schools as victims.

The NCAA may view the verdict differently.

In fact, the organization that oversees college athletics may now have a deeper reach when it goes after rogue programs. The decision essentially turns amateurism into federal law, possibly giving future NCAA bylaws more bite and ability to dole out punishment.

"I think anybody who breaks the rules in any aspect of our society, you'd like to see them held accountable," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "If the jury found them guilty of breaking rules, then they should be held accountable. But yeah, that's why we have a jury system and that's good. It's always good when, if someone does something wrong, they're found out, and they're held accountable for it."

Former Adidas executive James Gatto, business manager Christian Dawkins and amateur league director Merl Code were convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for funneling money and recruits to Louisville and Kansas.

All three will be sentenced on March 5, but the corruption case doesn't end there. Former NBA star and Auburn assistant Chuck Person will stand trial in February. Former assistant coaches

Emmanuel Richardson of Arizona, Tony Bland of Southern Cal and Lamont Evans of Oklahoma State go to trial in April.

All are accused of funneling apparel company money to recruits and their families.

They could be facing a difficult defense with Wednesday's verdict now that a precedent of fraud has been set. So could the schools.

The first trial revealed text messages and recorded conversations between coaches and the fixers, though nothing to definitively connect them to paying recruits.

The prosecution argued the schools, which receive federal funds, were not aware of the secret payments, including \$100,000 promised to top recruit Brian Bowen Jr.

When put on the stand and facing long prison sentences, the four assistant coaches may tell a different story. At minimum, they will certainly pull back the curtain even further on what had been college basketball's worst-kept secret.

"I hope that the truth prevails and I mean that with all sincerity," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "There's so much stuff being floated out there, I hope what's true will be found out if there's stuff going and in the long run it will make a difference and help the game."

The game has already been blemished, first with the arrests of 10 people in September 2017 through the three-week trial that concluded on Wednesday.

More than two dozen schools have been ensnared since the arrests a year ago, for everything from paying for meals to six-figure payments to recruits' families.



MARK LENNIGHA/AP

Former sports agent Christian Dawkins arrives at federal court in New York on Oct. 1. Dawkins was found guilty along with Adidas executive Jim Gatto and former Adidas consultant Merl Code of funneling secret payments to families on Wednesday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Florida continues progress after chaos

By MARK LONG  
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Dan Mullen pretended he was on a game show, slapping the podium like it was a buzzer.

It was Mullen's way of demonstrating how quickly he probably would have jumped at winning six of his first seven games with the Gators and being in position for much more as November nears.

"If you said, 'Hey, 6-1 going into the Georgia game, take it or leave it? I might take it,' Mullen said. "I would love to be 7-0, to be honest with you, but if you threw that out there ... I might consider hitting that button right there and taking it."

No one would blame him, especially considering everything former coach Jim McElwain left behind.

With Mullen leading the way and calling the plays, No. 9 Florida has made more offensive improvements in the last nine months than it did in the previous nine years. The biggest strides have come in the last seven weeks, all since losing to Kentucky for the first time since 1986.

Quarterback Felipe Franks is functional. Playmakers abound. The offensive line has been better than expected. Tight ends are involved. And trickery is an inte-



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

**Florida head coach Dan Mullen watches from the sideline against Vanderbilt on Oct. 13. Since losing to Kentucky for the first time since 1986, the Gators have made huge strides on offense in the last seven weeks.**

gral part of the playbook.

"What I'm most pleased with is how our team has kind of bought in to what we're trying to do," said Mullen, who was offensive coordinator during the program's most recent heyday. "Honestly, I think that results have helped that buy-in. You know, when you look, they're acting like a football team. They're playing hard, they're giving great effort, they're

seeing how practice translates to games.

"You don't see finger-pointing going on of, boy, the offense or the defense or the kicking or this guy or that guy. You see guys believing in a team concept. So, I think the success has helped that."

The Gators (6-1, 4-1 Southeastern) have a chance to take another step in their rebuild Saturday against archrival and seventh-

ranked Georgia (6-1, 4-1), which is coming off a 20-point loss at LSU. Regardless of the outcome in nearby Jacksonville, Florida has enjoyed a huge turnaround — maybe the most impressive in the country — given where the program was just a year ago.

Five days before facing the Bulldogs, McElwain created a firestorm by saying Florida players and families had received death threats amid the team's two-game losing streak.

School administrators, including athletic director Scott Stricklin, met with McElwain in hopes of gathering more information and helping alleviate any safety concerns. McElwain rebuffed their efforts, prompting a statement from the athletic department that essentially criticized McElwain for being uncooperative.

McElwain backtracked a bit two days later, but stopped short of apologizing and again refused to provide details about the alleged threats.

Questions swirled about Florida considering parting ways with McElwain, which happened a day after a 42-7 loss in "The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party." McElwain got wind of one report predicting his ouster hours before kickoff and made the unusual decision to mention it to his players during a team breakfast.

"It was pretty weird knowing that Coach Mac was going to get fired after this game, because his whole mindset, is whole demeanor was different," linebacker Rayshad Jackson recalled. "And it just felt like we weren't going to play because his demeanor wasn't right."

The Gators came out flat and were quickly flattened by the then-No. 3 Bulldogs.

"Coach Mac getting fired and that weekend was just a hectic weekend mentally for us, so I think a lot of guys kind of forgot about it," receiver Josh Hammond said. "We're just ready to move forward and put that behind us."

A victory Saturday would go a long way toward helping the Gators forget about their worst loss to Georgia since 1982 as well as one of the most bizarre weeks of McElwain's tenure.

There's no doubt Mullen would buzz in on that one, too.

"Winning's certainly going to help in a lot of different ways," Mullen said. "It helps with the goals for this year. Rivalry games, you love winning because it's bragging rights for that year. ... So I understand that aspect of it being a big game, but is one game going to define our season or our program? Probably not, but it's still a lot of fun to go play in it."

## Purdue's perseverance on full display with win

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Six weeks ago, the notion of Purdue fans swarming the field seemed about as far-fetched as beating Ohio State.

After losing to Eastern Michigan on a last-second field goal, the season appeared lost, their bowl hopes shattered and the troubling turnovers, mounting mistakes and persistent penalties continued to pile up. Then the Boilermakers dug down, fought back and turned things around.

Purdue is just one-half game out of the Big Ten West lead.

"It's amazing how you can be sitting at 0-3 with some hard losses and find a way to do this," coach Jeff Brohm said after Saturday's stunning 49-20 rout over the Boilermakers at Ross-Ade Stadium. "It is a huge moment. This thing goes to show you what you can do and it goes to show you what you can't do when you lose to Eastern Michigan."

Make no mistake: Brohm meant no offense to the Eagles; he merely wanted to illustrate how his players and coaches rebounded after losing that game and the next one, to Missouri, on last-second field goals.

Since then, the Boilermakers (4-3, 3-1) have turned around their season.

They ended Boston College's one-week run in the Top 25 with a 30-13 blowout. They won back-to-back conference road games for the first time in six years. They're on a four-game winning streak for the first time since the start of the 2007 season, and they beat a top two ranked

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D.J. Knox

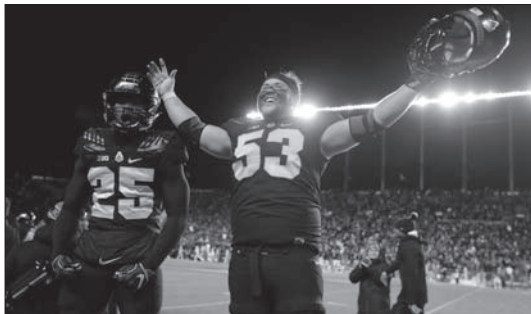
Purdue running back on beating Ohio State

team for the first time since 1984 by scoring a school record 49 points against the Buckeyes (7-1, 4-1).

The reward for this sudden season to remember was getting 17 points in Top 25 voting — making them No. 33.

"It means guys are growing up," said running back D.J. Knox, who had scoring runs of 1, 42 and 40 yards Saturday. "When you have guys locked in and everybody working for a common goal, you can't be stopped. Especially the defense. They played lights out against a quarterback (Dwayne Haskins Jr.) who's a Heisman candidate."

Knox and Markell Jones have given Purdue a strong, experienced one-two punch out of the backfield. David Blough is 135-for-224 (60.3 percent) with 1,951 yards, 13 touchdowns and only two interceptions since replacing the injured Elijah Sindelar as the starting quarterback in Week 3. Freshman receiver Rondale Moore continues to be a matchup nightmare for opposing defenses, and Purdue has pulled no



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

**Purdue center Kirk Barron (53) and running back Tarío Fuller (25) celebrate late in the second half of the Boilermakers' 49-20 defeat of Ohio State last week.**

punches in calling plays.

"Once we decided to open this thing up and stay on the attack and be more aggressive, our guys have done a great job," Brohm said Monday. "It's not always going to be perfect, but I think David has played outstanding."

The Boilermakers' defense has done its part, too.

After allowing 91 points in the first three games, all against unranked foes, the last four opponents scored 68 points. Ohio State came up short of even half its scoring average.

And after making too many mistakes early, the Boilermakers just keep making plays.

"It's all a part of putting your head down and breaking it up or taking it out of the receiver's hands," cornerback Antonio Blackmon said after making three plays in

the end zone against Ohio State.

Now comes the hard part — proving the biggest win of Brohm's brief tenure was no fluke. By winning Saturday at Michigan State, the Boilermakers could cement their status as a surprise conference contender heading into November when they host No. 18 Iowa and No. 20 Wisconsin with visits to Minnesota and rival Indiana.

Brohm believes Purdue learned a valuable lesson from its tough start, one that should help the Boilermakers move on from Ohio State and focus on their next big challenge — sustaining success.

"These guys (the Spartans) will come in hungry and fired up for a win, and we're going to have to respond and play a clean football game," Brohm said. "I know our guys will be able to get back to work on the practice field and we'll work as hard as we can to try to find a way to win this game."



# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Top 25 schedule

<b>Thursday</b>	
No. 13 West Virginia vs. Baylor	
No. 25 Appalachian State at Georgia Southern	
<b>Friday</b>	
No. 23 Utah at UCLA	
<b>Saturday</b>	
No. 2 Clemson at Florida State	
No. 3 Notre Dame vs. Navy at San Diego	
No. 6 Texas at Oklahoma State	
No. 7 Georgia vs. No. 9 Florida at Jacksonville, Fla.	
No. 8 Oklahoma vs. Kansas State	
No. 12 Kentucky at Missouri	
No. 14 Washington State at No. 24 Stanford	
No. 15 Washington at California	
No. 16 Texas A&M at Mississippi State	
No. 17 Penn State vs. No. 18 Iowa	
No. 19 Oregon at Arizona	
No. 20 Wisconsin at Northwestern	
No. 21 South Florida at Houston	
No. 22 NC State at Syracuse	

## Service academies



**vs. Boise State**  
Last week: Beat UNLV, 41-35



**at Eastern Michigan**  
Last week: Beat Miami (Ohio) 31-30 in 2OT



**vs. Notre Dame at San Diego**  
Last week: Lost 49-36 to Houston

## Power Five standings

ACC Atlantic		Conf.	Overall
Clemson	2	1	6
NC State	3	1	7
Boston College	2	2	8
Syracuse	2	2	9
Florida State	0	3	10
Oakland	0	3	11
Louisville	0	4	12
Coastal			
Virginia Tech	3	0	13
Wake Forest	2	1	14
Miami	2	2	15
Pittsburgh	2	2	16
Duke	2	2	17
Georgia Tech	1	3	18
North Carolina	1	3	19
Big 12			
Texas	4	0	20
West Virginia	3	1	21
Oklahoma	3	1	22
Texas Tech	3	1	23
Baylor	2	2	24
Iowa State	2	2	25
Kansas State	1	3	26
Oklahoma State	1	3	27
TCU	1	4	28
Kansas	0	4	29
Big Ten East			
Michigan	5	0	30
Ohio State	4	1	31
Michigan State	3	2	32
Penn State	2	2	33
Maryland	2	2	34
Indiana	1	3	35
Rutgers	1	4	36
West			
Northwestern	4	1	37
Wisconsin	3	1	38
Iowa	3	1	39
Purdue	3	1	40
Illinois	1	3	41
Rutgers	1	3	42
Minnesota	0	4	43
Pac-12 North			
Washington	4	1	44
Washington State	3	2	45
Oregon	2	2	46
Oregon State	2	2	47
California	0	4	48
South			
Utah	3	2	49
USC	2	2	50
Colorado	2	2	51
UCLA	2	2	52
Arizona	1	3	53
Arizona State	1	3	54
SEC East			
Kentucky	4	1	55
Florida	4	1	56
Georgia	4	1	57
South Carolina	3	2	58
Tennessee	3	2	59
Mississippi	1	3	60
Vanderbilt	0	4	61
West			
Alabama	5	0	62
LSU	4	1	63
Texas A&M	4	1	64
Auburn	2	2	65
Mississippi State	2	2	66
Arkansas	1	3	67



BOB ANDRES, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/AP

Georgia head coach Kirby Smart leads his team onto the field before an Oct. 13 game against LSU in Baton Rouge, La. No. 7 Georgia faces No. 9 Florida in a key SEC East showdown on Saturday (9:30 p.m. Saturday, CET; 4:30 a.m. JKT, AFN-Sports) in Jacksonville, Fla.

## Key Power Five matchups

**No. 2 Clemson at Florida State**  
6 p.m. Saturday, CET; 1 a.m. Sunday, JKT  
AFN-Sports2

**Series record:** Florida State leads 20-11. Florida State is looking for its third 8-0 start in the past four years and to keep on track for a fourth consecutive trip to the Atlantic Coast Conference title game. Florida State would like a signature victory in coach Will Taggart's first season and beating the second-ranked Tigers would do it.

**Key matchup:** Clemson RB Travis Etienne vs. Florida State's run defense. Etienne leads the ACC with 800 yards and 14 TDs, gaining an eye-popping 8.2 yards on each handoff. The Seminoles lead the league in shutting down the run with just over 100 yards a game allowed on the ground. They've given up just five rushing touchdowns.

**Players to watch:** Clemson: QB Trevor Lawrence. The freshman looked right at home last week in the Tigers' 41-7 punting of North Carolina State. Lawrence will face a stronger defensive line eager to make him uncomfortable.

**Florida State:** DE Brian Burns. In a game where Clemson has four NFL-caliber starters on its defensive line, the Seminoles junior might be the best of them all this season. Burns leads the ACC with nine sacks and is third with 11.5 tackles for loss.

**Facts & figures:** Clemson's past three wins in the series are against a program best. Florida State won 11 straight against the Tigers, a streak that ended with son Tommy Bowden's win by the Tigers over father Bobby Bowden's Seminoles. ... The programs have combined to win the last nine ACC Atlantic Division titles. ... Florida State has never lost four straight games to an ACC opponent. Miami accomplished that feat against the Seminoles before it joined the ACC. ... Clemson freshman FB Garrett Williams is the son of ex-Florida State fullback Dwayne Williams, who was part of the famed "Puntrookie" play at Clemson in 1988. The elder Williams placed the ball between the legs of Leroy Butler on the fake punt. Butler ran 78 yards to set up FSU's winning field goal in a 24-21 win.

**No. 20 Wisconsin at Northwestern**  
6 p.m. Saturday, CET; 1 a.m. Sunday, JKT  
AFN-Sports2

**Series record:** Wisconsin leads 59-35-5. **What's at stake?** Northwestern holds a half-game lead over Wisconsin, Purdue and Iowa in the Big Ten West. But a win over Wisconsin would give the Wildcats a credibility boost, not to mention some revenge for a loss early last season at Camp Randall Stadium that ultimately helped keep them out of the Big Ten title game. The Badgers still control their destiny in the division after seeing their playoff hopes get squashed two weeks ago in a blowout loss at Michigan. Wisconsin bounced back with a 49-20 romp against Illinois.

**Key matchup:** Northwestern QB Clayton Thorson against Wisconsin's front seven. The Badgers will again be without starting DE Isaiah Loudermilk, who has missed the last two games with a left leg injury. NT Olive Sagapoli, who made his first career interception last week, is questionable with a leg injury.

**Players to watch:** Wisconsin: RB Jonathan Taylor leads the nation in rushing at 158.4 yards per game. He has run for at least 100 in eight straight games dating to last season, the longest active streak among FBS players.

**Northwestern:** After throwing for a career-high 455 yards against Nebraska, Thorson was just 17 of 34 for 150 yards last week.

**Facts & figures:** Northwestern put a scare into Wisconsin last year with a pair of late touchdowns before losing 33-24. ... Wisconsin is 50-12 (.806) over the past five seasons and trails only Alabama (60-5, .923), Clemson (56-7, .889) and Ohio State (55-7, .887) in wins and winning percentage among FBS teams in that span. ... The Badgers have won 16 straight against the Big Ten West since a loss to Northwestern on Nov. 21, 2015. ... Wisconsin ranks fourth in the nation in rushing at 282.1 yards. ... The Badgers have scored touchdowns on 21 of 27 trips to the red zone, fourth among Power Five teams. ... The Wildcats are 4-1 in the Big Ten for the first time since 2000. ... Northwestern has the fewest penalties in the nation (23) despite committing five last week.

**No. 14 Washington State at No. 24 Stanford**  
11 a.m. Sunday, CET; 7 p.m. Sunday, JKT  
(Delayed) AFN-Sports

**Series record:** Stanford leads 40-27-1. **What's at stake?** This game matches up two of the three teams in the Pac-12 North with one conference loss. The winner will be in position to challenge Washington for a spot in the conference title game, while the loser will be in a hole.

**Key matchup:** Bryce Love vs. Washington State D. Love has been much less prolific this season after finishing second in the Heisman voting a year ago as a sore ankle and spotty blocking have hurt him. Love has 348 yards on 87 carries, down from 1,014 on his first 87 carries a year ago, a drop of 7.7 yards per carry. He faces a Cougars defense that held Oregon to 58 yards rushing last week.

**Players to watch:** Washington State: QB Gardner Minshew. Minshew leads the nation in yards passing per game (392.1) and total offense per game (398.4), while ranking fifth in TD passes (23) and first in the Pac-12 in completion percentage (69.8).

**Stanford:** QB K.J. Costello made his first career start last year at Washington State, going 9 for 20 for 105 yards in a 24-21 loss. Costello has been much more potent as a passer since then and ranks third in the Pac-12 with 13.5 yards per completion and 8.7 yards per attempt.

**Facts & figures:** Washington State has won the last two meetings following an eight-game Stanford winning streak in the series. ... The Cougars are looking to beat ranked teams in back-to-back games for first time since 2002 against Arizona State and Oregon. ... Washington State seeks second straight 7-1 start to season. ... The Cardinal have lost back-to-back home games just once since 2008, falling to Washington State and Colorado in October 2016. They lost at home to Utah on Oct. 6. ... Stanford CB Paulson Adebore ranks second nationally with 2.3 passes defended per game. ... Cardinal WR JJ Arcage-Whiteside is third in the nation with nine touchdown catches and has 13 TD receptions in his last 10 games.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL/AUTO RACING

# Down to the NITTY GRITTY

Next two weeks should clarify SEC title picture

Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops observes warm-ups before the Wildcats' game against Vanderbilt in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday. Starting with the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party this weekend, the SEC division title contenders will be meeting over the next two weeks to sort things out. Kentucky may have the easiest road, even with the home game against Georgia. The Wildcats face Missouri, Tennessee, Middle Tennessee and Louisville, teams with a combined 13-15 record.

By JENNA ZENOR  
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Now, the Southeastern Conference is getting down to the nitty gritty.

Starting with the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party this weekend, the division title contenders will be meeting over the next two weeks to sort things out.

No. 7 Georgia and No. 9 Florida get the big stretch going Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla. Then, the Bulldogs and No. 12 Kentucky tangle to further settle what's now a three-way logjam in the SEC East.

And the SEC West's top two 5-teams, No. 4 LSU and No. 1 Alabama, face off in Baton Rouge to start off November after both have an open date this weekend.

At Alabama, the lone unbeaten team, coach Nick Saban knows how hard it is to stay that way down the stretch. He pointed out to his players that the Tide have now started 8-0 eight times since his arrival, and 2014 was the only undefeated team.

"We can be proud of what we've done so far, but it really doesn't matter from here on out," Alabama left tackle Jonah Williams said. "The way we define the season happens from here and January."

No. 16 Texas A&M (5-2, 3-1) is still in the West running, too, despite an early loss to Alabama.

It's a harder road for some division contenders than others.

Georgia (6-1, 4-1) faces back-to-back games against the two East teams who have matched the Bulldogs' record.

The Bulldogs have had an extra week to regroup from a 36-16 loss to LSU that might have served as a wake-up call for the challenges ahead.

"I wouldn't say we needed one, but it definitely woke us up for sure," Georgia tailback Elijah Holyfield said. "We're awake and we know what's at stake now."

Dan Mullen's Gators, the only team to beat LSU, have an earlier loss to Kentucky that could prove costly in the head-to-head competition depending on how the coming weeks play out. Florida lost last year's meeting with Georgia 42-7.

"I mean, rivalry games, you love winning because it's bragging rights for that year," Mullen said. "That's what makes rivalry games so much fun for the players and especially for all the fan bases. So, I understand that aspect of it being a big game, but is one game going to define our season or our program? Probably not, but it's still a lot of fun to go play in it."

While the Gators and Bulldogs are on the field, LSU (7-1, 4-1) and Alabama (8-0, 5-0) will sit and

wait for their own big divisional showdown.

The Tide have won the last seven meetings, but the Tigers feel confident things could be different this time against the defending national champions.

"This is a team that believes it can win and we can be on the field with Alabama," LSU defensive back Kristian Fulton said. "That's the biggest difference this year."

Here's a look at the contenders and their remaining schedules:

■ LSU is the only remaining Alabama opponent currently in the Top 25, though Mississippi State and Auburn both had been ranked for much of the season. Auburn knocked the Tide out of SEC contention last season though "Bama still made it into the playoffs and won a fifth national title under Saban."

"It's all about how you finish," Saban said.

■ For Florida, Georgia is definitely the biggest remaining challenge. Then it's on to Missouri, South Carolina, Idaho and at Florida State. All five remaining games will be played in the state of Florida.

■ Georgia is facing back-to-back-to-back big games. Survive Florida and Kentucky, and the Bulldogs appear in decent shape of winning out on their way back to Atlanta for a shot at repeating. They finish at home against Auburn and UMass before facing a 3-4 Georgia Tech team.

■ Kentucky may have the easiest road, even with the home game against Georgia. The Wildcats face Missouri, Tennessee, Middle Tennessee and Louisville — teams with a combined 13-15 record.

But Wildcats coach Mark Stoops emphatically insists his team can't overlook Missouri.

"I think you'd have to be a moron to not realize the threat you're going to go up against with Missouri," Stoops said. The Tigers are 0-3 in SEC play, however.

■ LSU's toughest remaining test post-Alabama figures to be No. 16 Texas A&M on the road Nov. 24. The other games are at Arkansas and home against Rice.

If LSU beats Alabama, Texas A&M could be right in the Western Division mix, too.

■ The Aggies have road games against Mississippi State and Auburn before closing at home against Mississippi and LSU.

LSU players feel things have changed for Ed Orgeron's program.

"I've been here for a while and I can tell you the culture is completely different now," LSU safety John Battle said. "Coach Orgeron brought it in and the guys have bought into it. The team morale is just extremely up right now versus the previous years. It's going to be an exciting game."

## SHR will be hard-pressed to get four cars into finale

By JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch and Kevin Harvick are through to the next round of NASCAR's playoffs. That is the entire lineup at Stewart-Haas Racing, for those keeping score at home, and quite an impressive display of balance and teamwork.

It is also half the eight slots in the playoff field and SHR of course wants to get its quartet into the championship round and guarantee itself a title at Homestead-Miami next month.

Will all four make it to the finale? Probably not.

"This is what we have built up to all year with our Fords," said Kurt Busch, who in 2004 won Ford's last Cup Series title. Busch won in the first year NASCAR moved away from its season-long championship race to a playoff-style system, and Ford has been trying to claw its way back into contention ever since.

Numbers are certainly on Ford's side with the four SHR cars and Joey Logano from Team Penske in the round of eight. Five spots to Ford drivers left room only for a pair of Toyota drivers, reigning champion Martin Truex Jr. and 2015 winner Kyle Busch, and a lone representative from Chevrolet in Chase Elliott.

But those numbers can also hurt Ford's chances, particularly if SHR suddenly fractures and its drivers take a selfish approach during the next three races.

"Racing teammates is tough," said Alan Gustafson, crew chief for Elliott. "They can give each other no quarter at all. That's a hard thing to do. That's a hard thing to kind of balance. To move on, you have to full throttle, hammer down. If you get into a riff, which is going to happen with your teammate, it's a tough situation."

Gustafson even wondered if SHR's juggernaut will inadvertently help Elliott and the Hendrick Motorsports team, which doesn't have a single Chevrolet ally remaining in the playoffs. But if SHR turns on each other, well, the rest of the field better be



COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick prepares to practice for the NASCAR Cup Series race in Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday. Harvick has seven wins this year.

ready to pounce.

"In some ways I think it can be an advantage for us because it is difficult to balance it when you're all kind of infighting against each other," Gustafson said.

There's no infighting yet at SHR, at least not publicly. The four drivers executed perfectly at Talladega Superspeedway two weeks ago by sweeping the front two rows of qualifying and working together to stay in line and hold off traffic for almost the entire race.

Had a late caution not sent it to overtime, where Kurt Busch ran out of gas and Harvick had to stop for fuel, SHR cars might have raced each other four-wide for the finish. It was Almirola who got the victory, the first since he took the No. 10 car that Almirola took over from Danica Patrick this season, and it pushed him into title talk.

"Now it is getting down to the nitty-gritty, eight good teams," Bowyer said. "There are 16 good teams but there are eight damn good teams. Now you have to pick up the pace or go home."

SHR is likely going to send some cars home, even if the organization flawlessly manages the next three races. How it plays out could be as exciting as the races.



COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

2015 winner Kyle Busch is one of just two Toyota drivers, along with reigning champion Martin Truex Jr., to qualify for the round of eight in the NASCAR Cup playoffs.

## NBA/NFL

## Fair trade

Raptors, Spurs can both claim win in swap of stars DeRozan, Leonard

By TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

The early returns are in, and we now have a winner from the summer blockbuster trade between San Antonio and Toronto.

Both sides look victorious. Sometimes, trades really can benefit all parties involved — and this already looks to be one of them. Kawhi Leonard looks healthy again and has been fantastic in his first three games with the unbeaten Raptors (5-0), averaging 28 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. DeMar DeRozan is averaging 25.5 points and 7.8 assists for the Spurs, with a career-high 14 of those assists coming in Monday's overtime win over the Los Angeles Lakers.

Remember all those questions over the summer? Will Leonard like Toronto? Will DeRozan embrace the Spurs?

Asked and answered — so far. There's still virtually an entire season left to play, but neither Leonard nor DeRozan is showing any sign of unhappiness right now. And that's why both teams — for now, at least — can say the trade was a very good idea.

The bigger risk was taken by Toronto, who gave up an All-Star in DeRozan for a former (and now probably current) MVP candidate in Leonard who missed almost the entirety of last season with a leg injury that turned into one of the NBA's top mysteries of 2017-18. Leonard got a game off for maintenance last week, and his Spurs and Raptors teammate Danny Green — part of the trade as well — says he's still going to get better.

"He's still not back to where he normally is, but he's getting glimpses of it," Green said. "He's starting to get back to himself, get into his rhythm. And you know, he usually doesn't miss many shots."

Green said it might not be until December that Leonard is back to his old form.



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard averaged 28 points so far this season.

## NBA scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	0	1	0.000	—
Brooklyn	2	2	500	2½
Boston	2	2	500	2½
Philadelphia	3	2	400	3
New York	4	2	400	4

## Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	2	2	500	—
Miami	2	2	500	—
Atlanta	2	2	500	—
Charlotte	2	2	400	1½
Washington	1	3	250	1½

## Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	3	0	1.000	—
Detroit	3	0	1.000	—
Indiana	2	2	500	1½
Cleveland	1	3	250	3
Chicago	0	4	0.000	4

## Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	2	2	500	1½
Memphis	2	2	500	1½
Utah	2	2	500	1½
Houston	1	3	250	2½

## Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	1	1	667	—
Portland	2	1	667	1½
Minnesota	2	1	667	1½
Utah	2	1	667	1½
Oklahoma City	2	1	667	1½

## Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	2	1	667	—
L.A. Clippers	2	2	500	1½
Sacramento	2	2	500	1½
L.A. Lakers	2	2	500	1½
Phoenix	1	3	250	2½

## Wednesday's games

Atlanta 111, Dallas 104	86
Brooklyn 102, Cleveland 96	86
Miami 110, New York 87	86
Toronto 112, Minnesota 105	86
Charlotte 112, Charlotte 110	86
Indiana 116, San Antonio 96	86
Milwaukee 123, Philadelphia 108	86
L.A. Lakers 131, Phoenix 113	86
Sacramento 97, Memphis 92	86
Golden State 144, Washington 122	86

## Thursday's games

Cleveland at Detroit	86
Portland at Orlando	86
Boston at Oklahoma City	86
Denver at L.A. Lakers	86

## Friday's games

Chicago at Charlotte	86
Dallas at Toronto	86
Golden State at New York	86
Brooklyn at New Orleans	86
L.A. Clippers at Houston	86
Milwaukee at Minnesota	86
Washington at Sacramento	86

## Saturday's games

Boston at Detroit	86
Orlando at New Orleans	86
Charlotte at Philadelphia	86
Chicago at Atlanta	86
Indiana at Cleveland	86
Phoenix at Memphis	86
L.A. Lakers at Miami	86
Orlando at Milwaukee	86

That must be a terrifying sentiment to opponents. Leonard is shooting 51.2 percent, or nearly 2 percent better than what he did during his tenure in San Antonio. DeRozan is shooting 44 percent, basically right in line with his numbers from Toronto. Granted, again, it's early, but his scoring numbers are way up so far — and so are his assists, which is particularly vital to the Spurs since they lost two point guards before the season started with injuries. Dejounte Murray will not play this season because of a torn ACL, and Derrick White has heel pain that still has him sidelined.

So DeRozan is taking up the slack.

"He's a competitor," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

This could have gone bad for both clubs. If Leonard wasn't healthy or wasn't back to at least close to his former self, Masai



CRAIG MITCHELLOVER/AP

San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan's scoring numbers and assists are up since being traded by the Raptors in the offseason.

Ujiri would be hearing it in Toronto. If DeRozan hadn't snapped out of his post-trade funk — he acknowledged that he wasn't happy how things went down, though never bemoaned the Spurs organization — then San Antonio would have been in a very unfamiliar place.

Thing is, this deal was destined to work from a personality sense.

The Spurs love guys who talk on the floor and say very little off the court — Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, David Robinson, Tony Parker, LaMarcus Aldridge, Popovich, even Leonard. DeRozan didn't exactly need training on that front; he's always leaned toward the quiet side.

Leonard hasn't gone loquacious now that he's in Toronto, but he brings something they needed — besides super-elite talent on the court. The Raptors have long embraced the 'nobody respects us' approach, bristling over the years about things as silly as Chris Bosh saying the city didn't have great cable TV and media members complaining about how bitterly cold it was there for All-Star weekend in 2016.

This season for the Raptors is about winning, and winning over Leonard. They need him to stay and not depart as a free agent for this to truly have worked out. This is their chance, once and for all, to prove that top players will think about going to Toronto instead of escaping Toronto.

"The narrative of not wanting to come to this city is gone. I think that's old, and we should move past that," Raptors president Masai Ujiri said last month. "Believe in this city. Believe in yourselves. First of all, here in Toronto, we have to believe in ourselves, right?"

It was his belief that made the trade happen.

And you can be certain the Spurs and Raptors both believe they got the better of the deal at this point.

Thing is, they're both right.

## LA's Shields eager to face former team

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Not many defensive backs know more about Aaron Rodgers' strengths and proclivities than Sam Shields. He went against the Green Bay Packers' superstar quarterback in practice each week for seven years while they were teammates.

"Oh yeah, it was a good competition, and we enjoyed it," Shields said Wednesday, chuckling at the memories. "He would give me the side-eye, like, 'I'm coming at you,' and things like that. It helped me, it helped him."

When Shields and the unbeaten Los Angeles Rams (7-0) host the Packers (3-2-1) on Sunday, he is eager to show off everything he learned during those countless hours of hard work in northeast Wisconsin.

Moreover, Shields is simply grateful to be healthy enough to do it.

Over two years after his fourth concussion put a premature end to his tenure in Green Bay, Shields is back in the league as a key member of the Rams' secondary and special teams. He made his first interception since 2015 during his second game with L.A., and he is playing a steady complementary role on the Rams' star-studded defense.

"The Packers are happy and proud — even if they would prefer Shields doesn't do anything extraordinary against them at the Coliseum."

"He's a fantastic player," Rodgers said. "Just keeping in touch with him during his time away after the injury in Jacksonville, this is what he wanted. He wanted to come back. He wanted to come back (with Green Bay). But I'm happy he's playing. I'm happy he's feeling great. He's having no issues with his head. He's a fantastic guy, was a great teammate for us, and a big-time player for a number of years."

Shields won a Super Bowl, made 18 interceptions, started

62 games and earned a Pro Bowl berth during his tenure in Green Bay. His growth into a solid NFL cornerback was remarkable after he joined the Packers as an undrafted free agent in 2010.

But his concussion in the Packers' 2016 season opener at Jacksonville kept him out for the rest of that year, and he sat out all of 2017 after Green Bay cut him. He seriously considered retirement during his absence.

"I'm happy he is (back)," said Packers receiver Davante Adams, who missed the final two games of last season with a concussion. "I can't say I'm surprised, just because it's serious. Those things can be serious, but you never know how a guy is feeling. You can always change. I've been down that path, but didn't have any lingering effects like he did."

Shields endured months of painful headaches before getting lengthy treatment at UCLA and a few months of rest at home in South Florida. Once his head felt better, he was determined to return to the camaraderie and excitement of a team, and the Rams gave him the chance.

"I feel great," Shields said. "I feel blessed just to put my feet back on the ground, man. And being in this locker room with my brothers, that's always feeling good, feeling happy. I've been taking it one day at a time, and everything has been getting better each day."

The Rams haven't played the Packers since 2015, and Shields has plenty of information on Rodgers to share with his teammates. Along with all that practice work, Shields spent years watching on Sundays as Rodgers took advantage of mismatches or tricked opponents into jumping offside with his cadence.

"I think Sam looks good," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It's good to see him healthy out there playing. He's been playing a lot of snaps, primarily in their sub packages. He's done a good job. He's moving well like he always has. I'm happy for Sam."



JAE C. HONG/AP

Rams defensive back Sam Shields, left, breaks up a pass intended for Vikings wide receiver Stefon Diggs last month. Shields is eager to line up against Aaron Rodgers and his former teammates when the Green Bay Packers visit the Coliseum on Sunday.



NFL

# Rams rolling behind Donald's dominance

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Although Sean McVay was standing on the sideline to watch it, the head coach still had to check the video before he truly realized the scope of Aaron Donald's dominance in the Los Angeles Rams' latest win.

The All-Pro defensive lineman was in vintage form against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, leading a stellar defensive effort as the Rams (7-0) extended their longest perfect start to a season since 1985 with a 39-10 victory.

McVay saw Donald's four sacks, and he knew Donald had forced a fumble that led to a score. Turns out, there was much more.



**Rams All-Pro Aaron Donald celebrates during the first half against the 49ers. Donald is back at the peak of his disruptive powers.**

"I knew he had a really productive day, but then you go back and you just tally up all the plays that he made," McVay said. "How he's getting there and affecting and influencing the game in a variety of ways from his position was really impressive. That's why he's the man."

Donald is back at the peak of his disruptive powers after a self-described slow start to the season possibly caused by missing the Rams' entire offseason program and preseason during his contract holdout. With the \$135 million man causing regular misery for opponents' offenses, the rest of the Rams' defense is backing him up with big plays — particularly against offenses that are still works in progress, such as the Niners' injury-plagued unit.

All told in Santa Clara, Donald had nine tackles, five quarterback hits, six tackles for loss, that forced fumble from Matt Breida and a fumble recovery.

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Sean McVay  
Rams coach

Los Angeles will need Donald's leadership during its upcoming four-game stretch against four of the NFL's best quarterbacks.

The Rams are the NFL's only unbeaten team as they begin the gauntlet with a visit from Aaron Rodgers and the Packers (3-2-1) on Sunday.

McVay and Wade Phillips, his veteran defensive coordinator, haven't said much to their players about the Rams' unblemished record yet. They're aware of the length and



PHOTOS BY TONY AVILAN/AP

**Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald sacks 49ers quarterback C.J. Beathard Sunday. Donald had four sacks, nine tackles, five quarterback hits, and six tackles for loss.**

difficulty of a full NFL season, and they don't want the Rams to get ahead of their next challenge — particularly not before their bye week next month.

"The narrative is written every single week, and we want to continue to try to do a good job," McVay said. "We don't have to do anything other than try to be the best that we can one day at a time, and hopefully that leads to a good performance."

The rest of the defense fed off the advantages created by Donald's performance by forcing two fumbles and two interceptions. None of those turnovers arose from lucky bounces or deflections: Instead, McVay praised his defense for actively making

plays to create opportunities for the Rams' prolific offense.

"That was a big part of being able to win," McVay said. "Get those short fields. Ultimately, it's about scoring points. The yards are the yards. That doesn't matter. What matters to us is scoring as many points as we can."

McVay's offense could be healthier when the Packers get to town on Sunday. Playmaking receiver Cooper Kupp is making steady progress back from the knee injury that sidelined him against the Niners, although McVay isn't sure whether he'll need one more week of rehab before playing again.

## Mack's emergence has helped Colts balance offense

By MICHAEL MAROZ  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Frank Reich made it clear from the moment he accepted the Indianapolis Colts coaching job that he wanted to build around a strong ground game.

He might finally have the foundation.

Since returning from a lingering hamstring injury, Marlon Mack has turned heads, piled up numbers and given the Colts' offense a more balanced look. He helped Indy snap a four-game losing streak Sunday and if he keeps it up, Mack could help the Colts win more games this season.

"He's explosive. He turns a 5-yard run into a 15 or 20-yard run," Reich said after Sunday's 37-5 rout of Buffalo. "[He's] an excellent inside and outside runner, so [we are] really glad to have him back in the mix."

The Colts (2-5) envisioned Mack fitting perfectly into this role.

They drafted him in the fourth round in 2017, believing South Florida's career rushing leader would eventually start after spending one season as the understudy to Frank Gore, the NFL's No. 4 career rusher.

At training camp this summer, team owner Jim Irsay projected Mack could run for 1,500 yards this season — a feat only one NFL player achieved over the past three seasons and an astonishingly high number in the era of rotating running backs.

But Mack showed everyone what he could do the past two weeks.

After missing four of Indy's first five games, he returned against the New York Jets and ran 12 times for 89 yards just 2 short of his career high. On Sunday against the Bills defense, ranked No. 3 overall at the time, he had 19 carries for 126 yards and one touchdown while catching two passes for 33 yards and another score.

Suddenly, he and the Colts looked as if they could start

alleviating the heavy early season workload on Andrew Luck's repaired right shoulder.

"The middle three guys were definitely moving some people and when that happens, you get gaps in there and Marlon was setting up guys pretty well," longtime left tackle Anthony Castonzo said Tuesday. "The good thing is it wasn't perfect so we can still get better."

Mack is still getting on the same page with a relatively young offensive line.

Center Ryan Kelly was Indy's first-round pick in 2016 and has returned to his rookie form after missing most of last season because of injuries. The Colts (2-5) have seen left guard Quenton Nelson, the No. 6 overall pick, settle into his new gig and believe he can emerge as a perennial Pro Bowler if he stays healthy.

Braden Smith, a second-round pick this spring, took advantage of injuries to crack the starting lineup sooner than anticipated and appears to have found a home at right tackle. Castonzo, a first-round pick in 2011, just turned 30 in August and 26-year-old Mark Glowinski has filled in admirably at right guard since Matt Slauson went down with a season-ending back injury in Week 5.

The result: Luck has only been sacked once in his past 125 attempts and the offensive line is increasingly creating creases Mack can burst through.

"Marlon, he is patient and he's able to predict where guys end up based on the structure of the defense," offensive coordinator Nick Sirianni said. "Marlon just has a unique vision quality and he can really hit it when it's time to hit it. It's like he's patient setting up the block, but he has that accelerator to hit the hole before they can get off on him."

Right now, it looks as if it's a perfect combination.

Mack already has flirted with back-to-back 100-yard games, something the Colts haven't achieved since October and November 2007 when Joseph Addai went for 100 and 112 yards against Carolina and New England.



JOHN MINICHILLO/AP

**Colts running back Marlon Mack heads for a touchdown after a block of wide receiver Chester Rogers last Sunday. After missing four of Indy's first five games, Mack has revived the team's running game.**

This week, against the Raiders' No. 27-ranked run defense, Mack hopes to add his name to the list.

"It's just something to build upon. The offensive line and us coming together and working hard," Mack said after Sunday's game. "It (a 100-yard game) is a great thing as a running back that you want to have for your career."



# GAMEDAY

WEEK 8

TELEVISED GAMES



Denver Broncos (3-4)  
at Kansas City Chiefs (6-1)

AFN-Atlantic

6 p.m. Sunday CET

2 a.m. Monday JKT

Series: Chiefs lead 62-54.

**Last meeting:** Chiefs beat Broncos 27-23, Oct. 1, 2018.

**Notes:** Chiefs have won past six meetings. ... Broncos QB Case Keenum has two or more TD passes in two of his past three games. ... Broncos WR Emmanuel Sanders had six catches for 102 yards last week. ... Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes as 300 or more passing yards in six straight games.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers (3-3)  
at Cincinnati Bengals (4-3)

AFN-Sports

6 p.m. Sunday CET

2 a.m. Monday JKT

Series: Buccaneers lead 7-4.

**Last meeting:** Bengals beat Buccaneers 14-13, Nov. 30, 2014.

**Notes:** Buccaneers have won six of past seven meetings. ... Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston passed for 365 yards and had 55 rushing yards and a rushing TD last week. ... Buccaneers RB Joe Mixon has 80 or more scrimmage yards in five of his past six games. He aims for his third in a row at home.

## Marquee matchup

## New Orleans Saints (5-1) at Minnesota Vikings (4-2-1)

AFN-Sports2\*, 1:20 a.m. Monday CET; 9:20 a.m. Monday JKT

\* — if World Series Game 5 is necessary; AFN-Sports if Game 5 is not necessary

**SERIES RECORD:** Vikings lead 22-11.

**LAST MEETING:** Vikings beat Saints 29-24 in NFC divisional playoff game, Jan. 14, 2018.

**LAST WEEK:** Saints beat Ravens 24-23; Vikings beat Jets 37-17.

**SAINTS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (6), RUSH (16), PASS (6).

**SAINTS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (17), RUSH (1), PASS (28).

**VIKINGS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (13), RUSH (27), PASS (7).

**VIKINGS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (11), RUSH (5), PASS (16).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Vikings have 14-3 all-time record in Minnesota against Saints, including win in playoffs last season on last-second 61-yard TD reception by Stefon Diggs. Vikings also beat Saints 29-19 in 2017 opener. ... Saints QB

Drew Brees became fourth player in NFL history last week in win at Baltimore with 500 career TD passes, joining Peyton Manning, Brett Favre and Tom Brady. ... In last four games against Vikings, Brees has nine TDs, no interceptions, average of 308 passing yards and 120.7 passer rating. ... CB Eli Apple, acquired in trade with Giants, joins struggling pass coverage that has allowed 13 TDs with only two interceptions. ... Vikings QB Kirk Cousins has seven TDs and no interceptions with average of 323 passing yards in two career games against Saints, both with Washington. ... Cousins is fifth in league with 70.0 completion percentage. ... Diggs has 13 catches, 230 yards and three TDs in two career games against Saints. ... Vikings DE Danielle Hunter tied with Rams DT Aaron Donald for league lead with eight sacks.

— Associated Press



Baltimore Ravens (4-3)  
at Carolina Panthers (4-2)

AFN-Sports2

6 p.m. Sunday CET

2 a.m. Monday JKT

Series: Panthers lead 3-2.

**Last meeting:** Ravens beat Panthers 38-10, Sept. 28, 2014.

**Notes:** Ravens have won past two meetings. ... Ravens QB Joe Flacco passed for 279 yards with two TDs and no interceptions last week. ... Ravens rookie QB Lamar Jackson rushed for first career TD last week. ... Panthers overcame 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to win last week.



Green Bay Packers (3-2-1)  
at Los Angeles Rams (7-0)

AFN-Sports

9:25 p.m. Sunday CET

5:25 a.m. Monday JKT

Series: Series tied 45-45.

**Last meeting:** Packers beat Rams 24-10, Oct. 11, 2015.

**Notes:** Packers have won past five meetings. ... Packers QB Aaron Rodgers passed for 425 with two TDs and no interceptions two weeks ago in his last start. ... Rams are 7-0 for first time since 1985. ... Rams RB Todd Gurley leads NFL with 14 scrimmage TDs this season.

**New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees**

Gail Burton/AP

Game capsules compiled from nflmedia.com



Also on AFN:

Indianapolis Colts (2-5) at Oakland Raiders (1-5), AFN-Sports2, 9 p.m. Sunday CET; 5 a.m. Monday JKT

Philadelphia Eagles (3-4) vs. Jacksonville Jaguars (3-4) at London, AFN-Sports, 2:30 p.m. Sunday CET; 10:30 p.m. Sunday JKT

## EXPANDED STANDINGS

### American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
<b>East</b>											
New England	5	2	0	.714	214	179	4-0-0	1-2-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0
Miami	4	3	0	.571	151	177	3-1-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	182	276	2-2-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	81	175	1-1-0	1-4-0	1-4-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
<b>South</b>											
Houston	4	3	0	.571	165	144	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	2-1-0
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	106	127	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	116	146	2-2-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-1-0	0-2-0
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	189	185	1-2-0	1-3-0	1-4-0	1-1-0	0-2-0
<b>North</b>											
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	.583	171	154	1-2-0	2-0-1	1-2-1	2-0-0	1-1-1
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.571	184	203	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	176	101	2-1-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
Cleveland	2	4	1	.357	151	177	2-1-1	0-3-0	2-2-1	0-2-0	1-0-1
<b>West</b>											
Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	260	182	3-0-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
L.A. Chargers	5	2	0	.714	195	163	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Denver	3	4	0	.429	165	164	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-3-0	2-1-0	1-1-0
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	110	176	1-2-0	0-3-0	1-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0

### National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
<b>East</b>											
Washington	4	2	0	.667	126	121	3-1-0	1-1-0	4-1-0	0-1-0	1-0-0
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	154	138	2-2-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-1-0	1-0-0
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	140	123	3-0-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	137	185	0-3-0	1-3-0	0-5-0	1-1-0	0-2-0
<b>North</b>											
New Orleans	5	1	0	.833	204	163	2-1-0	3-0-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	142	131	3-0-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	167	196	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Atlanta	3	4	0	.429	190	212	3-2-0	0-2-0	3-2-0	0-2-0	2-1-0
<b>South</b>											
Minnesota	4	2	1	.643	177	165	2-1-0	2-1-1	3-1-1	1-1-0	0-0-1
Green Bay	3	2	1	.583	148	144	3-0-1	0-2-0	2-2-1	1-0-0	1-1-1
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	157	158	2-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-1-0	1-0-0
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	170	134	2-1-0	1-2-0	3-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
<b>West</b>											
L.A. Rams	7	0	0	1.000	235	128	3-0-0	4-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	143	117	1-1-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	92	184	0-4-0	1-2-0	1-5-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	158	218	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-4-0	0-2-0	0-2-0

## REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Cleveland at Pittsburgh  
Washington at N.Y. Giants  
Seattle at Detroit  
N.Y. Jets at Chicago  
San Francisco at Arizona  
Atlanta at Dallas, Tennessee, L.A. Chargers, Atlanta  
Monday's game  
New England at Buffalo

## NEXT WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 1  
Oakland at San Francisco  
Sunday, Nov. 4  
N.Y. Jets at Miami  
Atlanta at Washington  
Detroit at Minnesota  
Kansas City at Cleveland  
Houston at Baltimore  
Pittsburgh at Buffalo  
L.A. Chargers at Seattle  
Houston at Denver  
L.A. Rams at New Orleans  
Green Bay at New England  
Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati  
Monday, Nov. 5  
Tennessee at Dallas

## SPORTS



**Everybody's happy**  
Blockbuster trade working out for  
both Spurs, Raptors » **NBA, Page 61**



## WORLD SERIES

# California dreaming

Dodgers look forward  
to LA return after getting  
the cold shoulder at Fenway

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

**B**OSTON  
Fenway Park gave the  
Los Angeles Dodgers  
the cold shoulder.

No wonder they  
were California Dreamin' about  
Thursday's flight home.

"I think all the players are  
happy about going back to LA,  
but obviously we have some  
games to win," pitcher Hyun-  
Jin Ryu said through a transla-  
tor after Wednesday night's 4-2

loss to Boston dropped the  
Dodgers into a 2-0 World Series  
hole. "I think all the other play-  
ers will be able to focus more  
and try to come back from this  
deficit."

Fenway Park, at 106 the oldest  
big league ballpark, is crammed  
onto 9 acres in downtown Bos-  
ton, the 37-foot-high Green  
Monster in left field a target for  
hitters and a terror for pitchers.

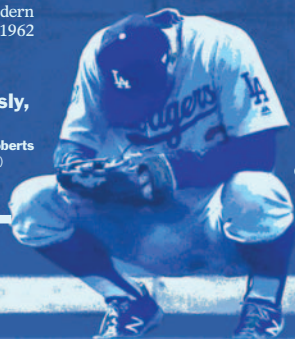
Dodger Stadium, a modern  
ballpark when opened in 1962

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**'This is the first time we've played in, obviously,  
weather like this. ... So it's an adjustment.'**

Dave Roberts

Dodgers manager, on the chilly conditions for Games 1 (53 degrees) and 2 (46 degrees)  
of the World Series in Boston. Los Angeles hadn't started a game all season with  
temperatures below 58. The Dodgers trail 0-2 as the series heads to Los Angeles.



Dodgers  
outfielder  
Chris Taylor  
David J.  
Phillips/AP

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